

Table showing the number of Prisoners received in the Maryland Penitentiary from 1858, to 1866, inclusive; also, the number of white and colored.

Received during the year	1858.....	125
“ “ “	1859.....	111
“ “ “	1860.....	124
“ “ “	1861.....	79
“ “ “	1862.....	102
“ “ “	1863.....	164
“ “ “	1864.....	98
“ “ “	1865.....	179
“ “ “	1866.....	364
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Of the recep- tions of	White Males.	White Fem's.	Col'd Males.	Col'd Fem's.	Total.
1858	77	2	42	4	125
1859	92	5	12	2	111
1860	107	8	9	—	124
1861	70	8	1	—	79
1862	72	7	19	4	102
1863	108	7	32	17	164
1864	46	6	29	17	98
1865	65	8	70	36	179
1866	138	6	174	46	364
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Received from December 1st 1866, to date 80.

### BEMEDY PROPOSED.

Your Committee after careful examination into the facts, would respectfully suggest some change in the statute relative to minor offences, and the establishment of a House of Correction for the confinement of such criminals, where their labor might be made more available than it can possibly be in the Penitentiary, owing to the objections urged above, or by such legislation as your best judgment may prompt, to relieve the State of the heavy burden now imposed upon her for the annual support of those miserable paupers, for such they actually become when sent for short terms. We would suggest that no prisoner be sent to the Penitentiary for a shorter period than eighteen months, and that some other and better mode of punishment be adopted with the petty offences.