

Senate bill entitled an Act to compensate Joseph M. Palmer, for services rendered the State in the cases of State vs. George Otto and George Hape,

Being the order of the day,

Was taken up on its third reading,

Read a third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Hyland,
Browne,	Maddox,
Biggs,	Miller,
Brewer,	Malone,
Clarke,	Spates,
Denson,	Walsh,
Earle,	Welch—15.
Henkle,	

NEGATIVE.

Mr. Smith—1.

The bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Maddox offered the following report :

To the Legislature of Maryland :

The undersigned, composing a Joint Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives, with instructions to investigate the affairs of the Maryland Penitentiary, and report to the Legislature, and having discharged the duty assigned them, would beg leave most respectfully to report as follows :

After a careful inspection of the prison, we came to the conclusion that as far as the management of Directors is concerned, they have discharged their duties with ability and have attended strictly to the wants of the prisoners in a degree in accordance with the means put in their power by the State.

They have not been able to extend to the prisoners all the comforts which they should have, on account of the present desperate condition of the Eastern and Western dormitories and the over-crowded Chapel dormitory.

The Eastern and Western dormitories are in such condition that it is cruel to confine human beings in their limits.

We consider that the entire buildings, as far as go to the comfort of the prisoners are discreditable to the State.

There are over three hundred convicts who are in idleness for the want of shops.