

CHAP. 138.

Keeper to keep accounts concerning the maintenance of prisoners, and separate accounts of the materials found, &c.

44. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said keeper shall cause all accounts concerning the maintenance of such convicts and prisoners to be entered regularly in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, and shall also keep separate accounts of the stock and materials so wrought, manufactured, sold and disposed of, and the monies for which the same shall be sold, and when sold, and to whom, in books to be provided for that purpose, all which books and accounts shall be at all times open for the examination of the said inspectors, and shall be regularly laid before them, at their quarterly or other meetings, for their approbation and allowance.

By 1811, ch. 177, a book keeper to be appointed, and his salary fixed. See 1817, ch. 72.

If any of the inspectors suspect fraud in keeper's accounts, he may examine his deputies on oath, &c.

45. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said inspectors, at their quarterly or other meetings, shall suspect any fraudulent or improper charges, or any omission in any of the said keeper's accounts, they may examine, upon oath or affirmation, the said keeper, or any of his deputies, servants, or any person of whom any necessaries, stock, materials or other things, have been purchased for the use of the said penitentiary, or any person to whom any stock or materials wrought or manufactured therein, or other things belonging to the same, have been sold, or any of the offenders confined in such penitentiary, or any other person or persons, concerning any of the articles contained in any such account, or any omission thereout; and in case any fraud shall appear in such account, the particulars thereof shall be reported by the said inspectors to the governor of this state.

Criminal court of Baltimore to charge grand jury to inquire into conduct of the keeper, &c.

46. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county(a) shall, at each and every term, charge the grand jury attending to inquire into the conduct and management of the keeper, deputy and assistants, of the said penitentiary, and to make presentments of all offences and omissions of the said keeper, deputy and assistants, in and relating to the said penitentiary; and the said court shall, at the terms aforesaid, direct a number, not exceeding six of the said grand jurors, to visit and examine the said penitentiary.

(a) See 1816, ch. 193.

Executive to lay before general assembly a statement of concerns of penitentiary annually.

47. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the executive of this state, annually, during the first week of the session, to lay before the general assembly of this state a statement of the expenses, profits, loss, progress and concerns, of the said penitentiary; and if the said keeper shall be guilty of any fraud or misconduct, the governor and council shall immediately remove him from office, and cause suits to be brought on his bond for the recovery of any damage or loss that may be sustained, and another keeper shall be immediately appointed in his place, under the directions herein before mentioned.

What persons may be allowed to enter within the walls where prisoners are confined.

48. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person whatever, except the keeper, his deputies, servants or assistants, the inspectors, officers and ministers of justice, members of the general assembly, ministers of the Gospel, grand jurors, or persons producing a written license, signed by one of the said inspectors, shall be permitted to enter within the walls where such offenders shall be confined; and the doors of all the lodging rooms and cells in the said penitentiary shall be locked, and all the light therein extinguished, at the hour