

one main building for officers' quarters, dining-rooms, kitchen, &c., erected at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars, and three family buildings, at an expense of fifteen thousand dollars each. Your Committee have not seen money better applied for a long period than in the erection of these buildings, the whole is admirably adapted to the use they were intended for, and the State is fortunate in having the aid and experience of the gentlemen in charge of this institution; they have now under their charge one hundred and eighty-six colored boys, who they take by commitment of the different Courts of the State, and train them to farming, and shoemaking and tailoring, and give them a common English education, and then bind them out to the farmers in different parts of the State, till they are twenty-one years old. Good order and system prevails; the management asks for the usual appropriation of ten thousand dollars per annum, to maintain the institution, and an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars to complete the necessary outbuildings, and your Committee recommend that the sum be appropriated for its completion and maintenance.

The Penitentiary appears, from the report of the Directors and Warden, to be in a most flourishing condition, but the dissatisfaction beginning to show itself among the mechanics at the contract labor system now carried on in the Penitentiary, and the increasing value of the site where it is now located, may lead the State to consider whether it would not be more prudent and profitable to change its location, and erect a new one somewhere on a Railroad where more and cheaper room may be had for manufacturing purposes and new industries started, not so much in competition with Baltimore mechanics; indeed a large number could be very profitably employed in cutting the canal from Bladensburg to the Patapsco, the necessity for which has been so long felt by the citizens of Baltimore and the State, thereby shortening the time when the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal will begin to make return for the large outlays made by the State for that work.

The Tobacco Warehouses were the next subject for consideration, and the objections made against false packing and oversampling looked into. A law should be passed to punish the former offence, and great care should be taken in the selection of Deputy Inspectors to prevent the latter. That, with other necessary reforms about to be introduced, will, your Committee believe, make the present system of inspections better than any other system yet suggested.

Since the meeting of the last Legislature two of the warehouses have been burned, and a considerable agitation is now going on in regard to whether they shall be erected on the old sites or on deep water. Your Committee has taken some trouble to learn the opinion of the planters on that subject, but they are divided, some believing on deep water the best loca-