

ter states with sanguine hopes of success. Solitary confinement at night, after a day of *silence* and labour, is most painful to those without mental resources; more especially when the mind is destitute of the recollection of any actions but those of wickedness.

Should the legislature approve of the experiment being made, a sufficient number of small cells could be provided, by means to be derived from the Penitentiary itself.

We would further recommend to the General Assembly the propriety of so amending the law, as to increase the punishment in all cases of second convictions, and that some other punishment than confinement in the Penitentiary be provided for a third, and every other subsequent offence.

By virtue of the act entitled "A supplement to the act entitled an act to establish state Warehouses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore," which authorised and directed us "to contract upon the best terms for building a fire proof warehouse or houses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, or to purchase, and build the same, whichever we, in our opinion, should deem most conducive to the public convenience and interest," &c. we caused notice to be given of the provisions of the said act, and invited proposals for the sale of warehouses and suitable lots on which to erect them. And having recei-