

CHAP. 320. used as a female department and hospital, so as to introduce into those departments the prison discipline and police enforced in the other parts of the Penitentiary; and they are hereby authorised to make this improvement as soon as in their judgment the finances of the institution will allow the necessary expenditure, without any injury or embarrassment to its interests, *provided*, that in the said western wing there shall be constructed a range of cells, throughout the whole extent of the basement, upon the general plan now in operation at Philadelphia, which shall be provided with all such fixtures and accommodations, as may be necessary to enforce the system of Penitentiary punishment by solitary confinement at labor, as now pursued at that institution, but subject to such alterations and improvements as they may think proper.

Construction prescribed

Rules and regulations

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That the said system thus partially introduced, shall be enforced according to the laws of the State, and such rules and regulations as may be prescribed for the government of the Penitentiary, and the directors are hereby clothed with all power and authority necessary to the completion of said building and enforcing the discipline therein, not inconsistent with the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the Maryland Penitentiary; and the residue of said building shall be construed and arranged with especial reference to the most perfect organization and inspection of the female and hospital departments.

Full powers granted to

Residue of the building for females and hospital

Report required of the progress and effect of these improvements,

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That the directors, in their annual report to the Governor, shall furnish a statement of the state and progress of said improvement, and the probable cost thereof, and the sums paid from time to time on account thereof; and when the said alterations shall have been made, the directors shall pay particular regard to the enforcement of the Philadelphia system, to the fullest extent of its admissibility, in the new cells, so as to be able to report to the Governor annually, the effects thereof upon the convicts, as a reformatory and puritive confinement, and also upon the financial and manufacturing operations of the Penitentiary, for the purpose of affording a com-