

the State of Maine, for 1853, (while the law was in operation,) was \$24,143.93, for 1857, including jailor's bills, \$42,821.29.

The charges for the support of paupers are borne by the townships and cities; and there are no statistics in the Executive Department, showing the amount of such charges.

This information, and the tables and statistics enclosed herewith, answer, I believe, the inquiries made in the order of the 6th February, passed by your Honorable body.

THOS. H. HICKS.

STATE OF MARYLAND.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
Annapolis, February 28th, 1858.

To the House of Delegates of Maryland.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the request contained in an order passed by your House on the 6th Feb. I wrote at once to the Governor of Maine, asking the information desired in regard to the operation of the Prohibitory Liquor Law.

I have to-day received a reply thereto, enclosing certain statistical information and tabular statements in relation to two of the counties of the State of Maine, whereby the injuries made in your order are answered, so far as it is in the power of the Governor of Maine to give such answer. And taking these two counties, one the most populous and commercial county, and the other an agricultural county, as examples over the State.

I may further inform that the Prohibitory Law was enacted in 1831, amended in 1855; further amended in 1856, repealed in 1856, and the present License system substituted instead.

That the whole number of convicts supported in prison in the county of Cumberland, in the year 1853, was 319, at a cost of \$1,672.50; and for the year 1857, was 1047, at a cost of \$5,258.33. In the county of Kennebec, the whole number supported in 1853, was 108, at a cost of \$1,003.76; and in 1857, was 204, at a charge of \$1,988.66.

Of the 319 convicts in Cumberland county in 1853, 154, were committed for drunkenness; and of the 1047 committed in 1857, 733 were for drunkenness.

Of the 108 in Kennebec, in 1853, 23 were for drunkenness, and of 204, in 1857, 64 were for the same cause.

In both counties there appears to be a proportionable increase in the number of convicts for offences of assault and batteries in the year 1857.

The amount of cost and charges for criminal prosecutions in