

STATE OF MARYLAND,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

ANNAPOLIS, *January 26th*, 1865.

To the House of Delegates :

GENTLEMEN:—The enclosed memorial addressed to your Honorable Body by the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, has been submitted to me by that Board, and in transmitting it to you I desire to express my entire concurrence in its views.

A. W. BRADFORD.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,

BALTIMORE, *23rd January*, 1865.

To the Honorable

the House of Delegates of Maryland:

The undersigned, Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, beg leave to represent to your Honorable Body, that they have had sole charge of this Institution since their appointment by Gov. Bradford, in May 1862. They have given their personal attention to all the operations of the Institution in the strictest manner required by law; with what success their annual reports to the Governor, laid before your Honorable Body, and the reports of the various committees appointed to examine the condition of the Institution will attest. They do not claim to have done any more than their duty, or to have performed it better or even so well as it might have been done by other gentlemen who might have been appointed in their places.

But whatever degree of success has attended their efforts in bringing the Institution into a sound and healthy financial and moral condition is due to the fact that they have had entire control of all its expenditures for provisions, clothing, fuel, salaries of officers, &c.