

The Speaker laid before the house the following communication from the Governor:

Executive Department,
Annapolis, March 28th, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

I herewith transmit to you a communication from the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, asking my influence in procuring the passage of a law granting temporary relief to that institution. Having been informed that the house have acted unfavorably upon the memorial of the directors, and believing that if something be not done to afford relief in this emergency, the interests of the Penitentiary and the State will be materially and injuriously affected, I am induced to bring the subject again before your attention.

The pressure of business before the Legislature, and the hurry of action incident to its protracted session, and its near termination, may have prevented that due consideration of the subject which its importance and exigency demanded. The relief prayed for is absolutely indispensable to the credit and support of the institution—and, if not extended, will embarrass, and it is greatly feared, discontinue its necessary operations. If the real necessities of the institution could be overlooked, there is another argument in favor of the relief sought, which is entitled to much weight—and that is, if the relief be not granted, the sacrifice in the State manufactures would excite anew, and with justice too, the complaints of those who have considered the Penitentiary manufactures as materially injuring their own. If the goods of the Penitentiary are thrust upon an unwilling market, it would necessarily operate very detrimentally against the goods of the out-door weavers and other mechanics.

Permit me to invoke the attention of the house to the accompanying memorial, and the one already in their possession, and in behalf of the institution whose interests are bound up with the State, to ask a reconsideration of the vote which denies the relief, considered as indispensable to its successful administration.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

THO. W. VEAZEY.

BALTIMORE, 26th March 1838.

To His Excellency

THOMAS W. VEAZEY,

Governor of Maryland.

Sir—The Directors of the Penitentiary think it their duty to inform you, that the pecuniary condition of the institution under their charge, is such as to require legislative provision to sustain