

on all the questions treated of in the order appointing the committee, the inquiries propounded to them were made as full and comprehensive as possible. Embodied in the answers will be found much information, and many useful suggestions; and they are herewith submitted.

The committee have agreed upon, and are now preparing a report on the several subjects embraced in the order of their appointment, in which they will recommend essential changes in the management of the Penitentiary and its general economy, and propose several, as they believe, important improvements in prison discipline, that will, if sanctioned by the Legislature, result to the advantage of society, promote the interest of the state, and subserve the great design of Penitentiary punishment. The committee have been deeply impressed with the importance of that branch of their duties which relates to the interference of convict labor with the mechanical interests, and have anxiously and attentively considered it. They will propose some alterations on this head, which they confidently believe will free the institution from many of the objections and complaints urged against it in this regard. All this, and such suggestions as have sprung from a careful consideration of the testimony, and a thorough personal examination of the institution in all its departments, together with a fund of information which they have derived from correspondence with the chief officers of some of the principal Penitentiaries of the United States, will be contained in the report now in a course of preparation, and which they will have the honor soon to lay before the Legislature.

By order of the committee.

I. D. Maulsby, Chairman,  
G. Bowlus,  
Wm. H. Tuck,

On the part of the House.

Elias Brown,  
Joseph S. Cottman,

On the part of the Senate.

Annapolis, Jan. 1, 1838.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, January 2, 1838.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on yesterday. Elias Brown, Esquire, appeared in the Senate Chamber, and took his seat.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.