

*Calculation respecting weaving in the Penitentiary.*

Value of 594,955 yards of bedticking at 25 cents per yard,		\$113,738 75
227,977 lbs. of cotton yarn at 34 cents.	\$77,512 18	
Dyeing, at 1 cent per pound,	3, 279 77	
	\$79,791 95	
Cost of yarn and dyeing,	\$79,791 95	
Deduct the cost of yarn and dyeing from the value of the manufactured article, at the low price of 25 cents per yard, say from		\$113,738 75 79,791 95
		\$33,946 80
Profits for labor, &c.		\$33,946 80

Divide 33,496 80 by 191, the number of weavers and other persons employed in that department in the Penitentiary, and it proves that they make annually \$177 73½ cents each; which proves that the labor of each of the convicts in that department, *invalids* and all others, will average 48½ cents per day and a fraction over.

And there can be but little doubt but that the article of bedticking, if manufactured in that institution with the same care that other articles are now manufactured there, that it would command 30 cents per yard, instead of 25 as above stated, which would increase the amount \$22,747 75."—Testimony, pp. 238, 39, 40.

4. James Johnston, Richard Robinson, Stephen Hillack, William Oliver and Archibald McRoberts, (weavers) answered jointly, and to questions 43, 44, 45, 46, 52, 54, 56, 58, 59, 61, replied:

"43 The journeymen weavers would be benefitted by the discontinuance of convict labor, as there would not then be the same quantity of manufactured goods in market, and they of course would be more likely to get constant employment; the benefit would not be enjoyed by the master weaver.

"44. In the present deranged state we do not believe there is more than from 50 to 75 looms employed.

"45. By their ability owing to the cheapness of labor within the walls to manufacture a superior and heavier article, which monopolizes the market and forces the goods of the undersigned to be sold at a depreciation.

"56. The remedy which the undersigned think would be most effectual, would be to spin all the yarns they manufacture, and to employ the balance of the hands now employed in weaving plaids, checks, &c. at Wilmington stripes, bed ticks, diapers, and Canton flannels.

"52. Very slightly; the cheapness of labor in the Penitentiary en-