

REPORT.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,
Baltimore, Dec. 21st, 1829. }

To His Excellency, Daniel Martin,
Governor of Maryland,

SIR,

In obedience to law, we have the honour to transmit the annual abstract of the proceedings of the Maryland Penitentiary.

We have the pleasure, again to offer the congratulations of the board on the continued and increased prosperity of this establishment. It appears now to have reached a point of production and profit, unparalleled, perhaps, in the history of institutions of its kind. For this, we are mainly indebted to the Executive Committee, who, having abundant means at command, carefully watch the market, and are enabled to obtain all articles of provision and materials at the lowest rate of prices,—and equally to the industry, perspicacity, and resolution of the principal keeper, and the fidelity of his deputies having charge over the labour of the prisoners, together with the zeal of the other officers. But as the value of labour has been materially reduced, and the price of all manufactured articles declined, it may not be expected, though the most rigid economy shall be exerted, that the profits of the institution may be much farther increased. Yet our stock of goods on hand compared with that of the last year, has a lessened amount of estimated value; and we trust that the same good management and good fortune in the ensuing year, may ensure as pleasant a statement as that which we are now honoured in presenting to the government of the State.

In consequence of the authority given by an act of the last session, we increased the salaries of the clerk, agent, and two of the deputy keepers, having care over important branches of business within the yard. We think that all have faithfully and fairly earn-