

doubt that you would approve of the small additional expenditure which it required; and Mr. Elijah Wells, who had proposed to contract for building it, according to the drawing which we approved, for \$750, having expressed a willingness to proceed with the work, by our paying him the sum appropriated, and to look to you for the additional amount of its cost, we closed a contract with him for its erection, which he has completed; and the guns and other public property intended to be kept therein, have been removed to it. The erection of this building will save the State the annual expenditure of \$95, the amount long paid for rent of a Gun House and Magazine; besides being a much more suitable and secure place of keeping the public property there deposited. The out houses within the circle have been repaired, but we declined accepting any of the proposals received for repair or covering of the wall around it: the sum appropriated for the purpose being wholly inadequate to repair and cover it in a suitable and substantial manner.

The full length painting of the likeness of the late venerable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, by Mr. Sully, which had been contracted for in the summer of 1833, has been received and placed in the Senate Chamber.

At December session 1826 a resolution was passed authorising the Governor "to procure a portrait of the late Colonel John Eager Howard, a native of the State, one of the most distinguished officers of the war of the Revolution—formerly Chief Magistrate of the state; and at all times one of the most honorable and virtuous of our citizens." Our attention having been called to this resolution by the letter of William Steuart Esqr. (who was then a member of the Executive Council) herewith submitted, and which satisfactorily accounts for the delay in carrying it into effect, we engaged Mr. Sully to paint said portrait; which has been received and placed in the House of Delegates as required by said resolution.

We herewith lay before you a report, with several accompanying statements, of the Directors of the Penitentiary, shewing the account of profit and loss of its operations, its progress, and present state, with a detail of facts and many interesting speculations and suggestions in relation to the Penitentiary System and the general subject of criminal punishment, which appear to us to be made with much ability and in a candid and liberal spirit. This subject being one of great importance will, of course, engage the serious attention from you which it justly merits.