discipline, the answers of the Directors, already made, are submitted as conclusive in reply, so far as the Directors are concerned. But if they were not, the imputations come with rather a bad grace from him, and equally effect himself, for during the two years (1835-'6) in which he was a Director, it does not appear that he ever proposed any measure whatever to remedy the evils of which he complains, except the unimportant regulations of the Hospital Department, to which he makes reference; and in respect to these he was entirely silent, while his friend, Dr. Reardan, was the physician, and only introduced them after the controversy between himself and the present physician, had commenced. The regulations proposed by Dr. Baxley were not adopted, because they were deemed inexpedient, and because also, the Board perfectly understood the motive of their introduction to be an indirect censure upon the physician, which it considered as entirely undeserved.

With regard to all the specific criminating charges which Dr. Baxley brings against Mr. Owens, the Warden of the Penitentiary, the undersigned Directors feel it to be their duty to state, that they have no reason to believe that any of them are well founded. The zeal, fidelity and ability with which that officer, upon all occasions within their knowledge, has discharged his duties in the Penitentiary, warrant a contrary inference, and, in the absence of all proof, afford to them satisfactory evidence that the charges are wholly unfounded. If Dr. Baxley had knowledge of any criminal or improper conduct of the Warden, in any matter of public duty, it was *his* duty to make complaint of it to the Board of Directors, while he was a member of the Board; this he did not do. He alleges especially, that the Warden received a greater compensation than he was by law entitled to; yet as a Director he never made it the subject of official complaint to the Board, but acquiesced in, and consequently sanctioned the payment of the Warden's salary, and all the other salaries, as well as the perquisites, of which he now complains.

Dr. Baxley charges the present Clerk of the institution, Mr. Chesney, with having committed many inaccuracies in the monthly summary of the affairs of the Penitentiary, and states that in one instance he observed a forced balance of nearly eight thousand dollars — The summary in question has been submitted to the inspection of the Joint Committee, and the statement of Dr. Baxley has been disproved by their own observation, as well as the acknowledgment of the former Clerk, (Mr. McEvoy,) who had been required by the Committee to assist them in the examination. The undersigned Directors bring the charge of Dr. Baxley against the present Clerk, and its complete refutation, to the especial notice of the Committee, not only in justice to that officer, but also because the same charge, and doubtless upon the same authority, was made the subject of grave and severe remark against the authorities of the Penitentiary, on the floor of the House of Delegates, at the last session of the Legislature.