

ary, which they had, nevertheless, shown great solicitude to establish. The confessed author, (James H. Raymond,) who, for "*political effect*," had written certain anonymous communications of the same character, which has been published in a newspaper, being also examined upon oath, has been compelled to acknowledge that he knew nothing of them but by *hear say*.

And finally, a respectable name, that of Edward Gray, Esq. has been cited, with an apparently confident hope that he would prove something to the disadvantage of the authorities of the Penitentiary, more especially of the Executive Directors of the institution. The Executive Directors are quite satisfied with the result of his examination, as well as with the collateral testimony in relation to the same subject. They have only to add, what was omitted to be shown at the time—that, as Mr. Gray acknowledged that he had no other reason for "*suspecting*" that the Executive Committee were interested in the contract with Gambrill & Carroll, than, that he *supposed* Mr. Gambrill to be a brother of "the Mr. Gambrill" who purchased Mr. Proud's farm; we have, we say, merely to add, for the purpose of removing all ground of "*suspicion*" in relation to so serious a charge, that we are satisfactorily assured that the Mr. Gambrill, with whom the contract in question was made, was not only not a brother of the other Mr. Gambrill, but that the person to whom Mr. Proud sold his farm, did not bear the name of Gambrill, but is quite another person. This statement, we beg your committee to believe, is made in no spirit of levity—but merely to repel a charge of corruption, confessedly resting upon no other ground than *the similarity of a name*.

Your committee, sir, has been entrusted with an arduous, as well as a most important investigation, relative to the condition and management of a great State institution, and we beg leave to congratulate you upon its being brought so nearly to a close. In the prosecution of this investigation, permit us to say, you have manifested, as far as we are competent to judge, a patient attention, entire impartiality, and uniform politeness. You have invited and sought information, relative to the matters of your inquiry, from all quarters, and it will assuredly not be your fault if the object of your appointment shall not be thoroughly accomplished.

The management of this institution, the provision and superintendance which it requires, not only as a great *State prison*, but as an *extensive manufacturing establishment*, involve no small degree of responsibility, vigilance and discretion. It has been the fate of the institution, almost from the moment of its establishment, to be the object of some personal or party attack; and frequent have been the investigations by legislative authority, to which those attacks have led. All of which, hitherto, have terminated in a confirmation of the system, and increased legislative provisions for its improvement. But the schism which has lately existed in the Board of Directors itself, derived from and fomented, as it has been, by the personal feeling attached to the