

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND PENITENTIARY:

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,
Baltimore, January 1st, 1838. }

To His Excellency, *Thomas W. Veazey,*
Governor of Maryland:

SIR,

In compliance with their annual duty, the Directors of the Penitentiary have the honor to submit, herewith, the general statement of the affairs and condition of this Institution, for the year ending the 30th November last, as comprised in the accompanying documents, viz. Nos. 1 and 2, Abstracts, relating to prisoners received and discharged. No 3, Inventory of goods, materials, implements, &c., on hand. No. 4, a General Account with the Institution. No. 5, an account of the Expenditures exclusively for the support of the prison, and No. 6, an account of the Profit and Loss on the manufacturing operations and labor of the year, as contrasted with the expenditures of the Institution.

Owing to various causes, the expenditures during the last year have been necessarily much increased. Of these, the interest on the loan of last session in aid of the erection of new buildings, and on the heavy bank facilities requisite to meet the payments of the Institution, in consequence of the large amount of goods on hand, rendered unsaleable by the dulness of the times, alone amount to \$2,005 47; more than the similar charges of the previous year.—The city assessment of the Institution, for opening Madison street, an entirely new expense, is \$932 84, and the expenses for the subsistence of the prisoners and the deputy keepers, have been enhanced by the high prices of provisions, &c. \$1,956 48, making an increase in the total expenses of the Penitentiary, *over* the previous year, of \$4 924 79.

The manufacturing operations of this institution are carried on, at an expense for labor measured by the actual cost of the support of the prisoners—much greater than that of any private extensive manufactory. It being for the last year—apportioning the gross