

beginning of this reply, has placed the majority of the Directors of the institution in a rather novel and peculiar position. It has afforded those who have been disappointed or offended by the course of conduct which the majority, in the performance of their duty, were constrained to adopt—a safe opportunity, under legislative sanction, to discharge their effusions of malice and resentment; and they have most industriously improved the opportunity. The services of the Directors of the Penitentiary are gratuitous,—the trifling and inadequate salaries of those two of them who are designated the Executive Directors, excepted. They ask no immunity from complaint or abuse, as public agents, on that account;—but they have a right to expect a compensation far beyond any pecuniary consideration, in the favorable judgment of the community, until they shall have been proved by *impartial and disinterested testimony*, to have forfeited it.

To the enlightened and impartial judgment of those whose province it is to pass upon their official conduct, the undersigned Directors respectfully and cheerfully submit the subject, and here conclude their reply; avouching for the truth of their respective statements, so far as the particulars come within the personal knowledge of each, according to the proper import of the language used; and their entire belief of the truth and accuracy of the whole statement.

Signed,

WM. McDONALD,
THOS. KELSO,
THOS. WM. HALL,
WM. H. HANSON,
JOHN G. PROUD.

Baltimore, 18th December, 1837.

The undersigned has not affixed his signature to the above reply, because he was not a Director of the Penitentiary at the time when most of the transactions alluded to, occurred. He however, deems it an act of justice to say, that so far as the records of the institution and all other means of information in his power have enabled him to ascertain the facts in the premises, he has sedulously endeavored to inform himself, and is firmly convinced that the statements made in said reply, are true.

Signed,

THOS. E. BOND.

The undersigned Director of the Maryland Penitentiary, in reply to Mr James McEvoy, admits that he informed both Dr. Baxley and himself, that the idea of excluding the Executive Committee from the Board of Directors, had been entertained by himself and others, as members of a committee of which Dr. Steuart was chairman. He