

The following message was sent to the House of Delegates by  
H. Culbreth Esquire Viz.

Executive Department  
Annapolis March 28<sup>th</sup> 1838

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

I herewith transmit to you a communication from the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, asking your influence in procuring the passage of a Law granting temporary relief to that institution. Having been informed that the House have acted favorably upon the Memorial of the Directors, and believing that if something be not done to afford relief in this emergency, the interests of the Penitentiary and of the State will be materially and injuriously affected, I am induced to bring the subject again before your attention.

The pressure of business before the Legislature, and the hurry of action incident to its protracted session, and its near termination, may have prevented that due consideration of the subject which its importance and exigency demanded. The relief prayed for is absolutely indispensable to the credit and support of the institution, - and, if not extended, will, in consequence, and it is greatly feared, discontinue its necessary operations. If the real necessities of the institution could be overlooked, there is another argument in favour of the relief sought, which is entitled to much weight, and that is, if the relief be not granted, the sacrifice in the State Manufactures, would excite anew, and with Justice too, the complaints of those who have considered the Penitentiary Manufactures as materially injuring their own; If the goods of the Penitentiary are thrust upon an unwilling market it would necessarily operate very detrimentally against the goods of the outdoor weavers and other mechanics.

Permitted to invite the attention of the House to the accompanying Memorial, and those already in their possession, and in behalf of the institution whose interests are bound up with the State, to ask a re-consideration of the Vote which denies the relief considered indispensable to its successful administration.

I have the honor to be, with great respect  
Yours Obedient Servant  
H. W. Nagier

Thursday March 29 1838.

The following communication was received by the hands of  
Joseph C. Nicholson Esquire, Clerk of the Senate, Viz  
His Excellency Governor Nagier

Sir In conformity with the direction of the Senate, I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the General Assembly, by interchange of messages, have determined to close the present session and