

ending on the 30th. of November last. It will be seen that the entire ex-
 penses of the year for all purposes were too with the constants
 any amount to \$45,921, 18. and that all the products of the labor
 of the Prisoners have failed to defray these expenditures in the sum
 of \$26,128 - of this however, \$7,540.37 do not properly belong
 to the ordinary expenses of the Institution. The cause of this deficit
 may be fully accounted for by the Directors. They were forewarned,
 and emphatically set forth by them in two pamphlets laid before the
 Legislature in the month of February and March last, in which
 temporary aid was asked for in a crisis of an all pervading extra-
 ordinary pecuniary distress. If this aid had been granted, the Insti-
 tution would have been enabled, the Directors believe, to meet all
 its engagements. The sacrifice, moreover, arising from the forced
 sale of its manufactures, would have been prevented, and consequently
 the Institution would have required less assistance at the hands of the
 Legislature, than will now be necessary to enable it to resume its wonted
 course of general prosperity.

I will now, as briefly as may be, to lay before you a
 statement of the duties I have performed as required of me by
 several laws and resolutions of the last General Assembly.

The Resolution No. 79 of December Term 1837 directs the
 appointment of a Commissioner "to repair to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania,
 and endeavor to procure the dismissal of the prosecutions pending
 against Nathan J. Kenner, Jacob Forward, Edward Pigg and Stephen
 Lewis, Citizens of Maryland," who have been indicted in April 1837
 in York County for kidnaping and subsequently demanded by the
 Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, as fugitives from justice; or
 to make such arrangements as may be necessary to refer the questions
 involved to the Supreme Court of the United States without con-
 sidering the liberty of the accused; and obtain such modifications
 of the laws of Pennsylvania as will preserve the rights of slave hold-
 ers, and cherish good will between the two states." Accordingly, on the
 20th day of March last by and with the advice and consent of the
 Senate, I appointed Jonathan Church, Esquire of the City of Baltimore
 to execute the purposes contemplated by the Resolution above recited.
 He will submit a letter (Document marked C.) from Mr. Kenner, by
 which it appears that, immediately after his appointment, he presented
 to the Chief of Government of the State of Pennsylvania, and after an
 interview with His Excellency Governor Ritner, he thought it most ex-
 pedient to postpone the further prosecution of his mission until the
 next meeting of the Legislature of that State, because in view
 of the want to locate the Prisoners, and to have a removal
 possible if it would be consistent to effect for the same.