

the Legislature, at its last session, had the whole subject under consideration, and did not think proper to act. The attention of the Senate and House is respectfully invited to this correspondence, which will be submitted.

A full and satisfactory report of their proceedings for the last year has been received, and will be transmitted from the President and Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary. - From it, the total profits of the institution during that period, appear to have been \$20,275.29, and the expenses inclusive of the salaries of officers \$29,791.63, leaving an excess or net profit in favor of that institution of \$453.66. It is stated, that the relief afforded by a resolution of the last session of the Legislature, has been signally beneficial in its application, to the objects for which it was intended, and through it the mercantile credit of the institution has been maintained without interruption, and that its operations have been successfully conducted.

By the acts of December session 1827 Chapters 140 and 173, and the act of December session 1829 Chapter 25 making provision for the education of the indigent blind and deaf and dumb of the State, it is required of the Governor, annually, to inform the Legislature what amount has been expended for those purposes. During the last year, the sum of \$1,521.43 was expended for the education of the deaf and dumb, and the sum of \$1,562.31 for the education of the indigent blind.

A Commissioner was appointed in pursuance of resolution No. 32 of last session, to examine upon oath, witnesses touching the sanity of Frederick Fritz, alias Fowler, convicted in Carroll County Court, at April term 1841 of murder. The testimony upon the subject was voluminous, and of such a character, as to induce the commutation of his sentence to confinement in the Penitentiary, House of the State for life.

In obedience to resolutions No. 19 and 46 of last session, the repairs directed by them to be made to Tobacco Warehouse No. 2 in the City of Baltimore and to the Magazine at Annapolis were completed, for amounts less than those authorized by the Legislature.

The completion of the rail road to Cumberland, has increased the amount of tobacco sent to the Baltimore market, so that the public warehouses do not afford room for its reception. That this trade, desirable alike, on account of the stock holders of the road company and the commerce of our Commercial empire, may be properly provided for, an enlargement of the buildings designed for its accommodation, would be expedient.

Reports have been received, and will be laid before you, from the Superintendent of the National Road west of Cumberland and from the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

The report of the Superintendent affords evidence of the ability and faithfulness, with which that officer has performed his duties.

The Report from the Canal Company will attract, deservedly, particular attention. It contains valuable information, as to the condition of the vast amount of public property committed to the care of the directors. Whatever may be the opinions entertained, as to the policy of undertaking that great enterprise, with the means