

upon the practicability of the proposed system, in view of the principles laid down in his former letter to you, of the 14th October last. Your earliest and most considerate attention to this matter will oblige his Excellency

(Very Respectfully, Your ob^d Serv^t.)
 Tho: H. O'Neal
 Secretary of State.

(Maryland Penitentiary }
 Baltimore, Dec^r, 23^d, 1851 ~ }

To His Excellency }
 the Governor of Md. }
 Dear Sir:

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Directors (your Excellency) that, as soon as practicable, they will meet and deliberate upon the matter to which you have called their attention, and will transmit to you a transcript of their proceedings.

to the "Upon the principles laid down" in your Excellency's letter of the 14th of a foregoing October - which the Board understood were to place all Clergymen upon a platform of perfect equality, and confine their visits to those days, hours, and places, which the act of 1831, Chapter 320, allotted to the Prison Chaplain to be appointed under the said act - the Board had taken action, at their meeting on the 16th of October, and, therefore, thought that this matter was finally disposed of. At that meeting they adopted the following resolution;

"Resolved, That the visits of Clergymen of all and every denomination in their clerical capacity, be prohibited during the hours appropriated to labor, except in cases of sickness".

No copy of this resolution was sent to the Reverend Doctor Wyatt, because the Board thought he would again appear at the Prison, in spite of your Excellency's powerful argument against the propriety of such visits during our business hours, and that he could be notified, in person of the resolution adopted. He has not appeared since, however, and as the Board took it for granted that he would consider your Excellency's letter as decisive against Clerical visits to our Prison during the hours of labor, they concluded that to notify the Reverend Doctor of their action, would be an act of supererogation.

The Board cannot now tax the time of your Excellency in reading such a lengthy reply as they think Dr. Wyatt's two communications to you demand at their hands, but, in the course of the next two or three weeks (or sooner if practicable) they will attend to this duty. They desire only to say, for the present, that the spirit of his two communications is altogether unbefitting a gentleman holding his position, and that they

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