

are the workings of their minds, ought to be better qualified to judge whether any moral reform is going on within them, than any gentleman who only occasionally visits the Prison and converses with the Convicts, for a few moments, every two or three weeks."

On the same day the following additional resolution pertaining to this subject, was adopted:

Resolved that the Clerk be authorized to inform the Committee of Ways and Means of the Legislature, that the Board are decidedly of the opinion that the appointment of a Chaplain to visit the Prison and the Convicts, would be a useless tax upon the Treasury of the State; that the Methodist Conference has supplied the Institution with regular preaching every Sabbath; that the Prisoners who are not fond of work and those who are generally most solicitous to converse with the Chaplain; and that Chaplains too frequently interfere with the laws passed for the maintenance of the discipline of the Prison.

Your Excellency will discover from these proceedings, that Doctor Wyatt has had difficulties with previous Boards of Directors, and that all the objections we have recently raised to his officiousness in the Prison and the visits of himself and other Clergymen during our working hours, are supported and justified by the resolutions then adopted.

It will be seen, that, what we have lately communicated to your Excellency, about the Class of Convicts who too generally seek advice, consolation, and "baptism" at the hands of Dr. Wyatt, and representing that they are the idle, the vicious and the cunning, and that the observations we made about his mistakes in this particular, are strongly corroborated by these proceedings of Febry 18<sup>th</sup> 1848.

I will mention, in conclusion, that the Honorable Francis Thomas was then Governor of the State, and that Messrs Robert Howard, George Musgrave, L. W. Coenell, Wm. H. Cole Jr., Henry R. Landerman and Wm. Willson, composed the Board of Directors.

With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

Barzillai Harriott  
Surg. to the Board

Hon. E. Louis Law,  
Governor of Md.