

REPORT  
OF THE  
**DIRECTORS**  
OF THE  
**MARYLAND PENITENTIARY.**

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*Letter from the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, to His excellency the Governor of Maryland, enclosing their annual report of proceedings.*

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MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,  
*Baltimore, December 21st, 1829.* }

To His Excellency,

DANIEL MARTIN,

Governor of Maryland.

Sir:—In obedience to law, we have the honor to transmit the annual abstract of the proceedings of the Maryland Penitentiary.

We have the pleasure, again to offer the congratulations of the board on the continued and increase of prosperity of this establishment. It appears now to have reached a point of production and profit, unparalleled perhaps in the history of institutions of its kind. For this we are mainly indebted to the Executive Committee; who having abundant means at command, carefully watch the market, and are enabled to obtain all articles of provision and materials at the lowest rate of prices, and equally to the industry, perspicacity and resolution of the principal keeper, and the fidelity of his deputies having charge over the labour of the prisoners, together with the zeal of the other officers. But as the value of labor has