

than that of the printers themselves. We are wholly unaware of any sufficient reason for an extra supervision of the printing, and therefore, respectfully recommend the repeal of the resolution authorising the appointment of supervisors thereof.

Under the resolution of December session, 1831, No. 29, we caused to be forwarded by mail to each state and territory, in the Union, a complete set of the reports of decisions in our court of appeals. We have received from the states of New Hampshire, Connecticut and Ohio, a set of the judicial reports of those states, respectively: which have been placed in the state library.

From those states, and also from Maine, Massachusetts, and Virginia, we have been advised of the receipt of the reports sent by us to the said states, but we have no advice from any of the other states, nor from any of the territories, of the receipt of the reports sent to each of them. One set directed to the governor of the state of Mississippi, was arrested in the mail, at Nashville, Tennessee, by an agent of the General Post Office, and sent back to the Post Office here, and we are apprehensive that other sets, intended for other States have been, by like agency, stopped in their progress, and, by that means, withheld from their respective destinations.

The letter from the Clerk of the Council, to the Post Master General, (to which, we are informed, no reply has been received,) and the letters from the agent of the General Post Office, and from the assistant Post Master General to Jonas Green, Esquire, Post Master in this City, of which copies are herewith sent, explain the whole transaction. The assistant Post Master General's letter, instructing Mr. Green not to mail books, "until the backs are taken off," puts it out of our power to send by the mail, any books without so mutilating them, as materially to lessen their value. It has been the constant practice uninterrupted, so far as we are advised, until the case we have spoken of, to send from, and receive at, this Department, by the mail, books and documents of every kind, bound and unbound, in reciprocal exchanges, with other States. Such exchanges of Laws, Judicial decisions, and other State papers, we consider highly interesting and valuable and, between some of the States, can only be certainly and safely effected through the Post Offices.

You will receive herewith, the annual Report, from the Directors of the Penitentiary, which has just been made to this Department, as required by law. This is a subject of much