

REPORT
OF THE
INSPECTORS AND AGENT
OF THE
TENNESSEE PENITENTIARY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 14, 1833.

Read and ordered to be printed.

To the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee:

The Inspectors of the Penitentiary beg leave to make the following Report.

Herewith you will receive a report of the Keeper, marked A., which gives a full view of the different kinds of business carried on in the Penitentiary, and the profits arising on each. You have also herewith a statement of the Keeper, of the number of convicts received within the last two years, with the information in relation to each, required by law.

It will be perceived on an examination of the Keeper's report marked A., that a considerable amount has been necessarily expended within the last two years, in bedding for the cells, furniture, and tools for the different departments of business, which will aid in accounting for the small sum which has been realized from the labor of the convicts. But in addition to this, within the last six months the convicts have erected work shops upwards of two hundred feet long. thirty-

two feet wide, and two stories high. All this has been done or paid for by their labor. The shops are now sufficient to accommodate two hundred labourers.— There is therefore no apprehension that more shop room will be wanting for a long period to come. The convicts have also laboured in various other ways, to a considerable extent, for the benefit of the prison.— The yard has been graduated; a large deep Reservoir has been blown out; a number of expensive cell doors have been made; a house for the safe keeping of the public arms has been erected; and a small one for the residence of the Clerk has been built. All this for the prison has been done within the last year. Notwithstanding the great amount of labor performed for the Penitentiary, the institution would at the end of the year have shown a handsome profit, but for the fatal ravages of the Cholera. The disease made its appearance on the second of June, and it spread so rapidly that labor of all kinds was suspended in a few days.— Not a single convict escaped an attack; and for three months from its first appearance, scarcely any work was or could be done. But there was an additional source of expenditure which could not be omitted. Humanity required that every care should be taken of the sick convicts, and the amount expended for an extra Physician, Medicine, and other necessities, was little short of a thousand dollars. It is to be hoped, however, that this fatal disease will not again visit us, and that the institution will hereafter realize the warmest expectations of its supporters.

The Inspectors cannot in justice omit bringing to your consideration the subject of petit larceny.

Under the present law, the shortest period of confinement is twelve months, and jurors scarcely ever fix a

longer period of confinement; and the consequence is, that the convict is a heavy charge to the State. The time is too short either to learn a trade, or produce reformation. If it be thought that a longer period of confinement than twelve months is too great for the crime of petit larceny, the Inspectors would respectfully recommend that the punishment be confinement in the county Jails, for a period of not more than six months.

In conclusion, the Inspectors beg leave to say, that in their opinion the Penitentiary has been well managed. The officers, under the most trying circumstances, have not failed to do their duty; and a confident belief is entertained, that they will hereafter make the institution a source of revenue to the State.

The Inspectors request the Legislature to visit the prison, and make a full examination of every thing; and if amendments in any department can be suggested, they will be happy to carry into effect the wishes of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. CARROLL,
R. C. FOSTER,
SAM. G. SMITH,
MOSES RIDLEY,

NASHVILLE, October 7, 1833.

A.

*To the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,
convened at Nashville:*

The Keeper of the Penitentiary would ask leave to lay before your honorable body, a plain statement of the receipts and expenditures together with a general view of the pecuniary concerns of the prison, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive.

SHOE DEPARTMENT.			
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand September 30th, 1831,	\$31 25		
Leather on hand,	12 00		
Shoes on hand,	53 62		
Stock &c. since purchased,	1977 65	2074 52	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive,	4269 82		
Leather on hand September 30th, 1833,	52 50		
Shoes on hand,	218 00		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand,	96 75	46 77 07	2562 55
COOPER'S DEPARTMENT.			
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand September 30th, 1831,	26 09		
Stock on hand,	20 00		
Cooper's Ware on hand,	9 87		
Stock &c. since purchased,	276 45	292 35	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive,	525 17		
Stock &c. on hand September 30th, 1833,	178 96		
Cooper's Ware on hand,	32 13		
Tools &c. on hand,	35 00	771 26	478 91
STONE DEPARTMENT.			
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand January 16th, 1832,	108 00		
Stock &c. since purchased,	521 28	629 38	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833,	995 69		
Stock on hand September 30th, 1833,	244 00		
Monuments and Tomb-stones on hand,	693 50		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand,	139 57	2072 76	2443 38

TAILOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Tools and Shop Furniture on hand September 30th, 1831, - - - - -	12 25		
Shop Furniture &c. purchased since, - - -	48 66	60 91	
Received and charged for work done, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive, - - - - -	1720 22		
Work finished on hand, September 30th, 1833, - - -	32 00		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand, - - -	36 00	1788 23	1727 32

HATTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Carding Machine and Shop Furniture on hand July 1st, 1832, - - - - -	360 00		
Stock &c. since purchased, - - - - -	1774 38	2134 38	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from July 1st, 1832, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive, - - - - -	1656 70		
Hats on hand September 30th, 1833, - - -	2015 00		
Stock on hand, including Carding Machine, - - -	485 00		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand, - - -	255 00	4411 70	2277 32

BLACKSMITH'S DEPARTMENT.

Tools and Shop Furniture on hand September 30th, 1831, - - - - -	75 00		
Stock &c. since purchased, - - - - -	1467 52	1542 52	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive, - - - - -	3768 48		
Stock on hand September 30th, 1833, - - -	498 25		
Work finished on hand, - - - - -	224 00		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand, - - -	255 00	4745 73	3203 21

WAGON-MAKER'S DEPARTMENT.

Tools &c. on hand April 1st, 1832, - - -	35 00		
Stock on hand, - - - - -	50 00		
Stock &c. since purchased, - - - - -	542 59	627 59	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from April 1st, 1832, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive, - - - - -	1808 05		
Stock on hand September 30th, 1833, - - -	318 00		
Work finished on hand, - - - - -	271 00		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand, - - -	110 00	2507 05	1879 46

CARPENTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Tools and Shop Furniture on hand September 30th, 1831, - - - - -	45 75		
Stock &c. since purchased, - - - - -	764 43	810 18	
Received and charged for work done, and articles sold, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive, - - - - -	3302 51		
Stock on hand September 30th, 1833, - - -	34 00		
Work finished on hand, - - - - -	104 00		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand, - - -	150 00	3590 51	2780 33

CHAIR, TURNING AND PAINTING DEPARTMENT.

Tools and Shop Furniture on hand April 1st, 1832,	45 88		
Stock on hand, - - - - -	51 00		
Stock &c. since purchased, - - - -	182 56	279 44	
Received and charged for work done, from April 1st, 1832 to September 30th, 1833,	651 08		
Stock on hand September 30th, 1833,	60 20		
Unfinished work on hand, - - - -	105 75		
Tools and Shop Furniture on hand, - - -	140 12	957 15	677 71

BRICKLAYER'S DEPARTMENT.

Materials purchased from March 2d, 1833, to September 30th, 1833, - - - - -	1257 49		
By the erection of Work Shops &c. &c. from March 2d, to September 30th, 1833, -	2271 12		1013 63

LABOURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Tools, Wheelbarrows &c. on hand September 30th, 1831, - - - - -	37 50		
Repairing Tools &c. from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, - - -	9 75	47 25	
By labour performed in grading yard, blasting and breaking rock, in excavating cistern, and performing in various employments not included in the mechanical departments, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, inclusive, - - - - -	737 28		
Tools &c. on hand September 30th, 1833, -	25 00	762 28	715 03

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

For Medicines, Stationery, Fuel, Clothing of Convicts and other incidental expenses incurred, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, - - - - -	3253 50		
By 60 cords wood on hand September 30th, 1833, - - - - -	120 00		
Leaving the amount expended from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, -		3153 50	

JOHN M'INTOSH, Agent and Keeper, IN ACCOUNT WITH PENITENTIARY.

To this amount received of Thomas Crutcher, Treasurer of West Tennessee, from September 30th, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, \$3,909 97—for articles sold \$6390 28, -	15800 25		
By this amount paid sundries as per vouchers, including all salaries of officers, victualling convicts, &c. from September 1st, 1831, to September 30th, 1833, - - - - -	20407 83		
Leaving a balance due the Keeper on the 30th September, 1833, of - - - - -		4607 58	

RECAPITULATION.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES	
Shoe Department,	\$2562 55	Expenses,	3153 50
Cooper's do.	478 9	Balance due Keeper,	4607 58
Stone do.	2443 38	This amount received from	
Tailor's do.	1727 32	the Treasurer,	8909 97
Hatter's do.	2277 82		
Blacksmith's do.	2203 2		
Wagon Maker's do.	1879 46		
Carpenter's do.	2780 3		
Chair, Turning and Paint-			
ing do.	677 71		
Labourer's do.	715 08		
Bricklayer's do.	1013 6		
Property on hand.	1057 50		
Debts due the Prison,	2467 18	Balance,	6552 48
	<u>23223 5</u>		<u>2 223 53</u>

STATEMENT OF PROPERTY.

19 Berths and Furniture,	114 00	
6 Tables,	6 00	
Cooking Utensils,	10 00	
Table Furniture,	6 00	
Cell Furniture, Piggins and Wash Noggins,	14 25	
1 Patent Balance,	20 00	
1 Cart nearly finished,	30 00	
Amount of property on hand September 30th, 1831,		200 25
83 Berths, Mattresses, Blankets and Cell Furniture, at \$7 00,	581 00	
20 Tables and Furniture, at \$2,50,	50 00	
1 Cart and 2 sets of Harness,	50 00	
Cooking Utensils, Stove, &c.	82 00	
1 Water Cart and Barrel,	25 00	
1 Rock Wagon,	85 00	
2 Mules,	131 00	
6 Ten-plate Stoves and Pipes,	150 00	
1 Patent Balance,	20 00	
3 Pair Steelyards,	4 25	
1 Set Measures, Funnel, &c.	1 87	
3 Pair Andirons and Fire Irons,	3 63	
1 Clock for Guard room,	20 00	
Hospital Stores and Furniture,	40 00	
Desk and Table in Office,	14 00	
Property on hand September 30th, 1833,	1257 75	
Increased balance on September 30th, 1833.		1087 50