

ably upon the account of B. A. Garlinger, former sheriff of Washington county, against the State of Maryland;

Which report was received.

Mr. Price, from a select committee, reported unfavorably upon the petition of William J. Hammil, for compensation for clerks employed by him in his office;

Which report was received.

Mr. Reese, from the select committee appointed to visit the Penitentiary, submitted the following

REPORT:

The joint committee appointed to examine the affairs of the Maryland Penitentiary, having discharged the duty assigned them, respectfully submit the following report:

The committee, in order to ascertain as fully as possible the practical workings of the institution, examined carefully all its various departments, and with equal cheerfulness and justice, testify to the neatness, cleanliness and order which characterise them throughout. Every assistance was afforded by the Directors, Warden and other officers to the committee, in the prosecution of their investigation. The report of the Directors and Warden, recently presented to the Legislature, and which on examination, was found to be correct, disclosing the financial condition of the Penitentiary, renders any further statement unnecessary on that subject. The Directors and Warden seem to have manifested a most commendable interest in the welfare of the institution, and have labored with conscientious perseverance and assiduity, to make it self-sustaining, and the committee express the belief, that if the unforeseen destruction of a part of the works by fire, and the consequent annulling of contracts, and the more lamentable national troubles had not occurred, the State would in a very short time have been relieved of the appropriations which are imperatively demanded by the necessities of the case. A great part of the goods and wares manufactured by the convicts, was disposed of in the Southern markets, which are not now accessible; and there is on hand a heavy stock that cannot be rendered available, except at a heavy loss, which the directors do not feel justified in incurring, owing to the fact that raw material cannot be purchased at such price as will make the results of labor remunerative, and from the difficulty of sale, many of the convicts are compelled to remain comparatively idle, to the great detriment of the interests of the State, and to the serious moral disadvantage of the prisoners. It is fondly to be hoped however, that this unfortunate state of things will be merely temporary in dura-