

February 4th 1848.

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In compliance with a request of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, I herewith transmit a "Supplemental Report" of that body with the accompanying papers containing a Statement of the present condition of the finances and the prospects of the manufacturing Department of that Institution. From this report, it will be perceived that the actual deficiency in the means of the Penitentiary to meet its liabilities for the nine months succeeding the 30th of November 1847. The close of its last fiscal year is \$38,907.42 cts.

The board of Directors are of opinion that an appropriation of Thirty thousand dollars is requisite to enable the Institution to continue its operations for the next two years: and that of this sum Twenty thousand dollars will be necessary for the current year, payable in quarterly instalments of Five thousand dollars commencing on the first of March next.

Philip F. Thomas.

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This day the Governor nominated to the Senate the List of Civil Officers for Worcester County. He also nominated to the Senate Thomas H. Oneal as County Surveyor for Frederick County and William Mooney as an additional Justice of the Peace for the said County.

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I have the honor herewith to transmit the enclosed letter and documents marked A & B. received at this Department from the Honorable Secretary of the Navy. You are, doubtless, aware that within a few years past the site of "Fort Severn" granted to the United States for the purposes of military defence, has been transferred from the War to the Navy Department and is now used as a Naval school for the instruction of Midshipmen.

Under the authority of the Act of Congress approved 3rd March 1847. several parcels of land adjoining the site of Fort Severn have been purchased for the use of the Naval school. Upon these lands an expenditure of public money is deemed to be necessary: but by the joint resolution of Congress approved 11th September 1841 no such expenditure can be made until the consent of the Legislature to the purchase is first obtained.

Under these circumstances the consent of the Legislature of this State is asked both to the transfer of the original site of Fort Severn and to the purchase of the lands above referred to, with a cession to the United States of jurisdiction over the whole that they may be held and used for the purposes of Naval instructions.

Philip F. Thomas.