

of the Treasury during the past year. I cannot close my remarks on this subject without expressing the high opinion I entertain of the ability, of faithfulness and zeal with which the officers of the Treasury Department have discharged their laborious and responsible duties.

During the twelve months ending on the 30th of November last \$66,053.58 were received in the Treasury on account of stamps, of which \$18,229.18 were collected by the clerks of the Counties, and the balance by the Commissioner of Stamps and the Clerks of Courts in the City of Baltimore. At least five sevenths of the revenue derived last year from these onerous and unjust taxes were levied upon the credit and commercial energies of the City of Baltimore. I respectfully recommend its repeal, for the reasons assigned in my former messages.

From the close of the fiscal year 1852, to October 1853 inclusive, \$2,273.40 were expended for the tuition of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb, and \$2,111.99 for the education of the Indigent Blind. During the same period, two beneficiaries were sent to the Institution for the instruction of the former, and two to the Institution for the instruction of the latter, in the City of Philadelphia. In accordance with the requirements of the act of 1849, Chapter 209, I send herewith a schedule of particulars.

I transmit for your examination the last Annual Report of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, made to me in pursuance of law. It is eminently deserving of your careful attention;

The exhibit therein made of the financial condition of the Institution, for the last year, is in highest degree satisfactory, and reflects great credit upon the Director and other officers, to whose intelligent and zealous administration of its affairs these gratifying results are principally to be attributed. During the eleven years antecedent to 1845, with only three exceptions, and from 1845 continuously to 1852 inclusive, the annual expenses largely exceeded the annual earnings. The institution, being always in debt, was constantly exhausted by the payment of disbursements, and it was, therefore, never able to take advantage of favorable opportunities in the market to advance its manufacturing interests. I invited the attention of your predecessors to this subject, in my first Annual Message, and they accordingly relieved the Institution from its pressing liabilities, and gave it a fixed annual appropriation of eight thousand dollars. This timely assistance has produced the most salutary effects.

It has since gone into the market with a cash capital, which enabled it not only to make its purchases of raw material on