

REPORT  
OF  
THE VISITERS OF THE JAIL  
OF  
BALTIMORE CITY AND COUNTY.

To the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,

GENTLEMEN:

In obedience to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December Session 1831, chapter 58, the Board of Visitors of the Jail of Baltimore City and County, present their Annual Report.

The receipts and expenditures for the year beginning the 27th November, 1838, and ending the 26th November, 1839, are stated in the annexed account of the Warden, marked (A.)

The daily number of prisoners has been 75, and the whole number committed during the year, 1796.

The whole expenses of the Jail, including the necessary repairs, is \$9,165 42

The proportion of this expense incurred on account of Baltimore City, is \$8,272 35

The City's proportion of fees received at the Jail, is 2,157 54

Moneys received from licenses to retailers of spirituous liquors, 896 26

Leaving the actual demand to be met by moneys collected from taxes on assessable property of the City, 5218 55

\$8,272 35

We herewith hand you a statistical table marked B, which shows the number of prisoners and the offences for which they were imprisoned. Also a table marked C, which shows the monthly or daily average of prisoners, and their daily cost of subsistence. Also a table marked D, which shows the number of debtors and other prisoners committed, how discharged, number remaining in Jail, &c.

We estimate that the sum of 4,500 dollars will be necessary for the City's proportion of the expenses of the Jail for the ensuing year, including the amount now due.

The Board of Visitors have great pleasure in stating for the information of the public, that under the Warden, David Herring, the Jail has been managed well and to their entire satisfaction. The expenses for the past year have been higher than was anticipated at the commencement, in consequence of the advanced price of provisions, together with repairs and alterations, which were found necessary to be made.

The health of the prisoners has been as good as could reasonably be expected for persons, nine-tenths of whom are believed to be of intemperate habits; however, not a single death has occurred during the year, amongst them. The Warden is of the opinion that no moral improvement is likely ever to be made on the prisoners in Jail, (but on the contrary, has a different effect,) owing to the circumstance of so great a number having to associate together; but from the construction of the present building this cannot be avoided.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HILLEN,  
CHARLES JONES, } Visitors of the  
LUTHER LITTIG, } Jail of Baltimore  
A. R. LEVERING, } City and County.  
WM. CHESNUT.

Dec. 17, 1839.