

HOUSE....No. 142.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 28, 1856.

The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Inspectors of the Massachusetts State Prison, for 1855, together with the Annual Reports of the officers of the Institution, have considered the same, and

REPORT:

That they have visited the above-named institution, for the purpose of informing themselves in respect to the various appropriations that are asked for in the Annual Report: Firstly, the sum of \$20,000, for the purpose of building a new wall to enlarge the prison yard, [see pages 9, 10 and 11 of Inspectors' Report,] which the Committee are of an unanimous opinion should be done, for the purposes named in their, the Inspectors' Report. Plans and specifications are in the hands of the Committee.

The second appropriation asked for is \$3,000, to pay the expense of new boilers for workshops, &c., the old ones not being sufficient to supply the wants of the institution. [See pages 11 and 12 of Report.]

An appropriation of \$1,500 is recommended by the Committee, for the purpose of furnishing the warden's and deputy-warden's dwelling-houses with substantial articles of furniture, to remain in the dwellings of the wardens as property of the Commonwealth. [See pages 12, 13 and 14 of Report.]

An appropriation of \$200, for the purpose of replenishing the library, is recommended by the Committee, as asked for by the chaplain. [See Chaplain's Report.]

In view of the reasonableness of the various sums asked for by the inspectors and officers of the institution, the Committee offer the accompanying Resolve.

For the Committee,

E. MILLIKEN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

In favor of the State Prison.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, for the extension of the State Prison wall, for payment for new boilers and setting, for furniture for Wardens' dwelling-houses, and for replenishing and adding to the number of volumes now in the library, the sum of twenty-four thousand seven hundred dollars, (\$24,700,) to be expended by the Inspectors of the State Prison, and that the governor be authorized to draw his warrant for the same, accordingly.

