

REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF INSPECTORS
OF THE
PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY,
FOR 1838.

The Board of Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary, near Kingston, in submitting herewith for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the annual returns of its proceedings during the fiscal year, ending October, 1838, and which many unavoidable circumstances have heretofore delayed, would most respectfully beg leave to observe, that the various Documents marked from A to K, together with the Warden's Report, and those of the Chaplain and Surgeon, embrace so ample a statement in detail of the several matters connected with its management, as to need but little comment at their hands. There are, however, some questions bearing on its Finances that require something more than a passing remark, as the Board have had some difficulty in meeting the demands, from the circumstance of the last annual grant falling so far short of the amount estimated for its support. It may seem from Document G, that the estimate for the support of the Establishment for the present year is unusually large; but when the present state of the Institution is duly considered with reference to Documents L and M, it will be at once seen that the gain to the Province, in the actual value of the Buildings now in course of erection, and absolutely necessary to its success, does not fall far short of the several grants made by the Legislature for