

of this Resolve, seven blind persons from this State, are now enjoying the benefits of this valuable institution. We have also at the American Asylum in Hartford, fourteen deaf and dumb pupils, supported wholly or in part at the expense of the State.

By recurring to the proceedings of the last Legislature, you will find, that a Resolve was passed authorizing the Governor, with advice of Council, to appoint Commissioners, to report a system of Prison Discipline for the State, together with the best location and most suitable construction of buildings for a new State Prison, the additional means of the State for the erection of such buildings at the present location, with an estimate of the expense of completing the proposed establishment. In conformity to the authority vested in the Executive, the trust was confided to William D. Williamson, Nathaniel Clark and Joseph P. Abbot, Esquires, who have been assiduously engaged in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them by this appointment. The Report of the Commissioners will be laid before you at an early period of your session, agreeably to a provision of the Resolve under which they were appointed.

In pursuance of a Resolve of the last Legislature, "in relation to a Rail Road from some point on the Atlantic sea-board to the City of Quebec," an application was made to the President of the United States, for the services of an Engineer, to aid in the contemplated survey. The request was promptly complied with, and the trust was confided by the Secretary at War to a gentlemen in the service of the Federal government of much practical skill, who devoted several months to a careful reconnoissance of different routes within this State. His Report has not as yet been received. I am