

1. In obedience to an order of the County Court of Franklin appointing Moses G Carper Robert A Scott Thomas S Greer and James L Taylor a Committee To examine into and report to Court the Conditions of the Jail of said County - The undersigned (the number required to compose said Committee) beg leave to report that they have performed the duties enjoined by said order and submit the following report - They find that to render the Jail comfortable for those confined in the same, it will be necessary to procure three Stoves - one of small dimensions for each of the debtors rooms and one of much larger size to be situated in the passage up Stairs immediately between the doors leading into the Dungeon Rooms - that it will be necessary to provide 5 Strong Stock locks - two for the inside door of the Dungeon Rooms - two for the inside doors of the Debtors rooms and one for the door at the foot of the Stair way - that it will be necessary to provide 2 Window Sash and glass - one for each of the debtors rooms - that it will also be necessary to repair each of the locks to the outside door of the dungeon rooms and to lathe and plaster a portion of the side Walls of each of the debtors rooms -

In the opinion of your Committee the repairs necessary to be done as above mentioned and the purchase of the Stoves would require about the sum of \$100 - they therefore recommend a levy of that amount for the purpose aforesaid

all which is respectfully submitted

M.G. Carper\*  
Thomas S. Greer\*  
Ro. A. Scott\*

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1847

2. At a Circuit Court continued and held for Franklin County at the Courthouse on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1861

Ordered that John S. Hale, John D. Noble and Peter J. Hale (the latter being a physician) do inspect the jail of this County and make report to this Term - And thereupon the said Committee after being duly sworn by the Judge of this Court made a report, as follows, viz,

To the Honorl(sic) Judge of the Circuit Court of Franklin County Virginia

Your Committee to whom was refered (sic) the duty of Examining the jail in said County have performed that duty and beg leave to make the following report

- 1<sup>st</sup> The building is 21 Stories high 40 feet long and 25' feet wide with 4 rooms and passage on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor room 16 by 11½ feet in size. Passage 25 by 8 feet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> All the rooms we consider secure with good Locks and doors well ventilated and cleanly kept
- 3 In the rooms ar (sic) 12 Inferior Blankets and 4 bed ticks filled with straw without steads with 9 panes window glass missing from the windows in the rooms & passage
- 4 One of the rooms constructed for a stove to be used in is without the same
- 5 There is a large comfortable stove in said passage. We find the roof over the passage laks(sic) very much to the injury of the building

6 Upon examination we do not believe the building has been white washed within the last 12 months

October 18<sup>th</sup> 1861

John D. Noble\*

John S. Hale\*

Peter J. Hale\*

A copy of which is ordered to be certified to the County Court of this County, with the request that the said Court have furnished to the said jail sufficient bedding - and the windows be repaired, the roof repaired to prevent leakage and a stove in the room constructed for a stove to be used in it

A Copy

Teste S.H. Greer\* D.C.

Ordered that John S Hale John D Noble & Robert A Scott be appointed a Committee to procure for the jail the supplies & have made the repairs suggested as necessary in the above report & certificate.