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To the Hon General Assembly now sitting

The Overseers of Newgate Prison beg leave to represent to your Honours, that the workhouse appointed to hold Prisoners extends from the east wall of the prison yard to about the middle of the yard—that the east & north wall of the Yard form the east & north walls of the house—that the Coal House which occupies part of the remaining space, towards the west wall, is an old & decayed wooden structure; much too small to contain the necessary quantity of Coal for a season, & constantly exposed to take fire, in which event the adjoining buildings would probably be consumed, accompanied with a general gaol deliver—that the number of Prisoners now in Prison is forty four and rapidly increasing, & that the work house must soon be extended westward, to make room for additional forges, & that it will be necessary to remove the old coal house & to erect a new one—for these purposes, should the south wall of the present work house be extended to the west wall of the yard, and the enclosed space be covered with a roof, the room might be employed for an addition to the work house, & for a coal house, and in that case the prison would be far less exposed to fire & be well accommodated with the necessary buildings, & to effect this object, should your Honours deem it necessary to be effected, the Managers are of opinion that an appropriation of 500 dollars would be necessary.

Which is submitted by your Honours most Servts.

John Treadwell
Roger Newberry
Pliny Hillyer } Overseers

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Resolved by this Assembly that the sum of five hundred dollars
be, and it hereby is appropriated to erect the workhouse,
appertaining to New Gate prison, to the west wall of the prison's
yard, to be employed for a workhouse & Cell house as may be
necessary, or so much of such sum as may be needed, and the
Overseers of s^d prison are hereby authorized to draw on the
Comptroller for Orders on the Treasurer for s^d. Sum.

passed in the upper House

? Test Sam Wyllys Secretary

Concurred in the house of Representatives

? Test S Bachus Clerk