Report of the
Construction Committee

To A.P.K Safford
Governor of Arizona Territory.
Tucson, A. T.

The Committee of Construction appointed by the Board of Territorial Prison Commissioners, consisting of David Neahr and J. M. Redondo and A. J. Finlay (Redondo's successor) beg leave to report to you of their acts as follows to wit: The amount of Bonds as per appropriation of the last Legislature, Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000 00/100) was received from the Territorial Treasurer, September 27th 1876. The Board of Commissioners upon receipt of same advertised for proposals and bids for sale of same in three papers in the Territory fixing the minimum price of the Bonds at 85 cts. The only bids for the Bonds were from A. Luke of San Francisco who bid 85 1/16 for the whole it being the highest and only bid was taken by the Commissioners, netting the sum of Twenty One Thousand two hundred and sixty five 62/100 Dollars ($21,265 62/100). This was in November 1875 at which

time the Construction Committee com-
menced work and the prison was ready
for occupation on the 1st of July 1876.
All of the material was bought in San
Francisco except lime. The stone used
was quarried upon the prison grounds.
All of the work done upon the prison
was done by contract after advertising
for bids, and was done at exceedingly
moderate rates in comparison to what
the same kind of work has cost in
other localities. The prison grounds
are located on the Bluff at the junction
of the Gila and Colorado Rivers contain-
ing about Ten Acres with an abund-
ant supply of stone for further work.
This ground has been given to the
Territory by the Village of Yuma for prison
purposes, the only consideration being that
it is to be used for prison purposes, and
that the location of the prison is not to be
moved in that case the grounds with all
improvements revert back to the said Vil-
lage. The whole amount of the appropria-
tion has been expended as shown by
Exhibit "A" hereto attached and the
Committee show as the result the fol-
lowing — They have two Stone cells complete
and foundation with walls for another

half complete, also an adobe building well built and finished containing two prison rooms, barred doors and windows (these with the two cells are capable of safely keeping thirty prisoners at least) also kitchen with cooking range complete, dining-hall room for guards; room for Superintendant and office. Pump engine and boiler and water reservoir for supply of prison - 475 feet of iron pipe and all necessary fixtures appertaining. Blacksmith shop complete with large punch and shears derrick complete for hoisting all freight to the grounds, with shears for hoisting stone in laying walls. The walls are built upon a solid stone foundation and are five feet, six inches at the foundation, and three feet at first floor, the cells are arched and roof of cells make the first floor, the entire work is grated, the grating being built in the walls, and are 1/2 by 2 inches of iron, rivited with 1/2 inch rivets at the crossings which are 10×5 inches between bars. The doors are double and of iron, swung upon hinges so that one cannot be opened without opening both. For the same amount of money there

could be treble the amount of cells completed as the necessary tools and implements are now on the ground, which in the first instance had to be purchased from the appropriation besides the pump engine and boiler, there was a sum also expended from the appropriation for excavating roads and for foundations, which at present if the work is carried forward would be saved, as this work now can be, and is done by the prisoners. The building now as it stands is complete in itself, the plan adopted by the Commissioners being so arranged that sections of the prison can be built and used from time to time as appropriations are made for same. The cost as shown by Recapitulation of exhibit "A." for the cells and adobe building has been $11,548.34/100. Cost of the pump house Blacksmith shop etc. $645.23/100. Cost of pump, engine, boiler, piping and reservoir $1,934.52/100. Cost of Blacksmith tools, punch, shears, tools, wheel-barrows etc. $2475.00/100. Cost of derrick, shears for hoisting stone on walls drum and tackle complete $2082.84/100, Cost of excavating ground

for road site for pump and prison $1,164.75. Cost of Office furniture $36.40/100 Actual expense of Commissioners for clerical work - surveys - printing bonds advertising and stationery $810.83/100 and for night watchman doing work on prison $577.70/100. The only expense incurred by the Committee for which the work will not show for is these two last items amounting to $1388.53/100 and which was indispensable the items are shown on exhibit "A." The Committee would recommend a further appropriation for the reason that if made now say $20,000/00 the prison could be put in such a condition that it would serve the purpose of the Territory for years to come. The prison labor could now be used advantageously, and the cost of construction will be much less than in the first instance - as there are now seven prisoners confined in the prison and probably there will be as many more in the coming year which would a working force of fourteen men, who would do the main labor, guarding, and attendance on Stone Masons: these matters we wish to impress upon the

members of the next Legislature and ask that your message show fully the views of the Commissioners all of which is respectfully submitted.

We are Governor Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servants

David Neahr

Yuma A. T.
October 21st 1876. A. J. Finlay.

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Pison Commissioners

Building Fund

August 1st 1876

Commissioners.

A. J. Finlay Chairman

David Neahr

Isaac Pobhamen Jr.

H. N. Alexander

Secty

EXHIBIT "A"

Territorial Prison Commissioners.
In account with
Appropriation Building Fund.

1875			Dr.	Cr.
Dec	4	To ammount of appropriation in Bonds #25000 2/100 sold at 85 1/6 of per cent on #1. San Francisco	$21.265.62	
"	"	By Amt paid Voucher #1. Tucson Citizen. advertisement for plans.		7.00
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #2. Arizona Sentinel advertisement for plans.		12.00
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #3. Arizona Miner advertisement for plans.		12.00
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #4. A. L. Grow for plan of Prison.		150.00
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #5. Saml. Purdy Survey of Prison Grounds		69.44
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #6. Wasson & Brown. printing Territorial Bonds		36.00
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #7. O. Neahr money paid for Recording Claim		5.00
"	23	" Amt paid Voucher #8. Arizona Miner advertising sale of Bonds		12.00
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #9. Arizona Citizen. advertising sale of Bonds.		8.00
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #10. Arizona Sentinel proposals for work on grounds.		34.00
"	"	" Amt. paid voucher #11. Arizona Sentinel advertising sale of Bonds.		15.00
		Forward	$21.265.62	$360.44

1875

		Ammounts Brot. Forward	$21.265.62	$	360 44
Dec.	27	By amt. paid Voucher #12. Page & Cowell. Lumber			45.45
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #13. A. L. Fish & Co. Pumps, Boiler & piping			953.10
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #14. John Hammond Derrick, Span, Drum, Rope, etc.			1.150.00
"	31	" Amt. paid Voucher #15. James Reily Excavating, Tank Road, etc.			1.004.50
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #16. H.N. Alexander. Secty of Commission			400.00
1876 Jany	3	" Amt paid Voucher #17 Geo. C. Johnston & Iron Blacksmith, tools etc			1137.85
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #18. D. Nealy Cash paid Engineer. goods, etc			66.88
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #19. D. Nealy Expenses trip to San Francisco			185.00
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #20. C. H. Brinley. Expense of title to Prison ground			20.00
		Amt paid Voucher #21. L.A. Smith. 176½ Bbls. of Lime			970.25
	27	" Amt paid Voucher #22. Col. Steam Nav. Co. Freight Bill.			851.76
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #23. E.J. Smith Work for Commissioners.			36.40
"	29	" Amt paid Voucher #24. Col. Steam Nav Co Freight Bill.			735.95
		Forward	$21.265.62	$7.917	58

1876

		Amounts Brot. Forward	$21,265.62	$7917.52
Jany	27	By Amt. paid Voucher #25 L. A. Smith. Blacksmith shop & shed for pump		225.00
Feby	1	" Amt. paid Voucher #26. Prescott, Scott & Co. punch, shears and hinges		1434.23
"	7	" Amt. paid Voucher #27. A. L. Grow Tracing plan for Prison		100.00
"	10	" Amt. paid Voucher #28. W. H. Burke Night Watchman		100.00
"	15	" Amt. paid Voucher #29. L. A. Smith 123½ Bbls. Lime		679.25
"	23	" Amt. paid Voucher #30. Howers Donaldson. Iron Work		328.25
Mar	1	" Amt. paid Voucher #31. L. A. Smith excavating, foundation, trenches, etc.		350.00
"	3	" Amt. paid Voucher #32. J. B. Watson Engineer & Machinist		200.00
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #33. Col. Steam Nav. Co. Freight Bill		250.00
"	25	" Amt. paid Voucher #34. L. A. Smith 103 Bbls. 135 Lbs. Lime		569.55
April	4	" Amt. paid Voucher #35. Col. Steam Nav. Co. Freight Bill		68.78
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #36. Fund & Regli. hauling Sand, Stone, etc.		299.00
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #37. J. M. Redondo Raw Hides		15.50
		Forward	21,265.62	$12,537.14

		Ammounts Brot Forward	$21,265.62	$12,537.14
April	4	By amt. paid Voucher #38. Geo. C. Johnston & Co. Iron and Rivets		98.51
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #39 Geo. C. Johnston & Co. Rivets.		11.20
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #40. D. Neahr Goods, Cash for Labor etc.		1,164.12
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #41. Geo. D. Nagle. Stone work foundation Prison		471.21
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #42. H. N. Alexander, Secty Commission		100.00
"	11	" Amt. paid Voucher #43 Geo. D. Nagle. Bal. stone work foundation		128.79
"	"	" Amt paid Voucher #44. Wm. H. Burke Night watchman		200.00
June	5	" Amt. paid Voucher #45. Wm. Cooper Iron work cells & Doors.		1,000.00
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #46. Wm. Cooper Extra work. Drills etc.		544.37
"	7	" Amt paid Voucher #47. L.A. Smith Stone work Cells.		1,350.00
"		" Amt. paid Voucher #48. L. A. Smith 23,141 Lbs Lime		636.37
July	7	" Amt. paid Voucher #49. Fumb & Regli. hauling sand, stone etc.		163.62
"	"	" Amt. paid Voucher #50. A.L. Grow making Punches & Cups.		70.00
		Forward	$21,265.62	$18,475.33.

1876

	Amounts Brot Forward,	#21.265 62	#18.475.33
July 7	By amt paid Voucher #51. D. Neuber		
	Cash paid Labor, goods, etc		511.53
" "	" Amt paid Voucher #52. Wm H.		
	Burke. Night watchman		277.70
" "	" Amt paid Voucher #53. L. A Smith		
	adobe building, kitchen, guard room etc		1.700.00
" "	" Amt paid Voucher #54. L. A Smith		
	Lime		10.45
" 9	" Amt paid Voucher #55 E. J. Smith		
	Carpenter work. Prison		52.50
" "	" Amt paid, Voucher #56. Homer		
	Wilson. Lumber, doors etc		155.60
Aug 1	Amt paid Voucher #57. H. N.		
	Alexander Secty		82.51
		#21.265.62	#21.265.62

Recapitulation.

Actual cost of Prison including Guard Room, Prison Rooms Kitchen, Dining Hall Two cells completed, foundation for and walls nearly completed for third cell — #11,548.34

Actual cost of sheds for Pump, Blacksmith shop, on hand complete — 646.23

Actual cost of Pump, Engine, Boiler piping and Tank on hand complete. — 1,924.52

Actual cost of Blacksmith tools, Punch, shears Tools for Prisoners, work, including wheel-barrows, Picks, shovels, Bars, on hand complete — 2,475.01

Actual cost of Derrick, shears, Drum Ropes, on hand complete — 2082.84

Actual cost of excavating of grounds including Road, site for Pump & Prison — 1,164.75

Actual Cost of Office furniture, Desk on hand complete — 36.40

Actual expense of Commissioners — Actual work including Secretary, Surveys. Printing Bonds, Advertising etc #310.83

Night watchman 577.70 — 1,388.53

#21,265.62

Actual cost of Prison & Property on hand #19877.09.

" Expense of Commissioners 1388.53

#21,265.62

Report of

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October 26th. 1876.

Committee

David Noah

A. J. Finlay