

Maryland Penitentiary

November 23rd 1851

Wm H Lytle

As one of the Directors of the Md Penitentiary I am requested by the "Board" to reply to your communication of the 8th October last and to say, that the "Friends Association" for visiting the Penitentiary have their full permission to hold a "Sabbath School" in the Female department on each and every Sunday morning between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock. After consulting with the Matron of that Dept. they feel that it would be an act of gross injustice to compel her attendance on Sunday afternoon, as that is the only interval in the entire week, that she can really call her own, and it is obvious, that she should have some portion of her time devoted to the full and unrestricted enjoyment of rest.

For this reason we are reluctantly compelled to refuse permission to hold Sabbath School on Sunday afternoon.

With every respect to yourself and the praiseworthy motives that prompted the request, and actuates the members of the Association.

I Remain

Respectfully Yours,

Leisure Barrett.