

tions from individuals and the corporation of the city of Baltimore. From these sources, it is believed, that the ground was acquired and the west wing erected. The title being vested in the Mayor and City Council, who continued to manage it until 1808, it was leased on certain conditions to Drs. McKenzie and Smythe, for the term of fifteen years, and by the same authorities, the lease was extended, in 1814, for ten years, or until January, 1834, provided a wing on the east was erected.

Prior to the termination of the lease, the attention of the Legislature was drawn to the subject, and some dissatisfaction manifested, that the title of the property having been vested in the Mayor and City Council. To remove all disquietude or dissatisfaction, the Mayor and City Council promptly transferred to the State, the property, the title to which had been acquired in 1798, for the purpose of carrying out the benevolent intention of individuals, and towards which the State had made an appropriation. The title having become vested in the State by the act of 1827, chapter 205, the institution was first clothed with a charter, under the style of "The President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital," and placed under the control and authority of the State, at the end of the then unexpired lease. It was during the existence of this lease, that the Hospital assumed its present enlarged dimensions, towards which the lessees contributed from their private resources, doubtless under the anticipation that the lease would be renewed from time to time. The act of 1827 dispelled this illusion, and as the term of their connexion was clearly defined, it is therefore reasonable to suppose, that all subsequent expenditures were confined to subjects that could not be dispensed with.

Seven years possession of so large an establishment, with a distinct understanding as to the nature of lessees' relation to it, was sufficient to place it in a condition to require a large expenditure at the end of the term. It was in this condition of things, when the authority of the State to administer it commenced in 1834, entirely destitute of furniture and the necessary equipments, requiring large repairs to render it subservient to the purpose for which it was designed. To avoid the painful necessity of dismissing the inmates, and closing the doors of the Hospital, the Legislature, in 1832, by resolution No. 75, appropriated \$5000. The precise mode to which it was applied, with other valuable information, will be found in the report and the accompanying documents, made by a committee of the last session. A debt has been incurred for the benefit of the