

provision whatsoever for the payment, or ascertainment, of the amount of damages sustained in the closing of the streets therein mentioned, and if in these instances no provision was made for compensation, then surely the Legislature would have the power to pass a similar act in this case.

Your committee would in the next place call the attention of the Legislature to the Maryland Hospital, which was found, upon a thorough examination, to be in a most excellent condition; whilst its regulations, neatness and arrangements, reflect credit and honor upon those who have the superintendence and management thereof. But the attention of your committee was particularly directed to the large number of its inmates. This Institution is at present entirely too much crowded, and its accommodations are greatly insufficient to meet the constant demands for admission. In two rooms, which ought if possible always to be reserved as sitting rooms for male patients, the committee observed that there were fifteen beds, a proof of the crowded state of this venerable and very useful Hospital. Your committee were conducted through the building, and would present to the consideration of the Legislature, three desirable improvements for the greater comfort of the patients occupying the East wing, (all of whom are females,) viz: 1st. A large stairway from the basement to the second story, together with its landings, occupies an unnecessary waste of space. If the stairway were removed, three convenient rooms might be thereby added to the wing. 2dly. The stable of the Institution, is entirely too near the wing which is occupied by females. It is desirable to have it removed and a new one built on a more eligible spot. 3dly. The arrangements for the washing and ironing of the clothing of the patients and employees, are now in two rooms in the basement of the same wing; the rest of the basement being occupied by female patients. These two rooms ought to be used for the recreations of patients, especially in cold and foul weather.

Besides, there are many inconveniences experienced by the officers of the Hospital, in governing that part of the building, owing to the presence there of the persons employed to do the washing. An aggregate appropriation of five thousand dollars is asked by the Institution, to enable it to make these improvements. It has been represented unto your committee, that this Hospital has never received any pecuniary assistance from the State for the current expenses attendant upon its management. And that since February 4th, 1828, the date of the deed from the city of Baltimore to the State, the Legislature has only appropriated forty thousand dollars, for making improvements and repairs of the buildings and premises. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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