

my melancholy; which continued for a short time, and was followed up, by a severe attack of hypochondriasis and mental delusion. About the twenty first of August, at or about which time, upon consultation, (some dissenting but most of his medical advisers concurring,) he was sent to the *Maryland Hospital*. During the first three weeks of his confinement in that place, he laboured under the unhappy delusion of having destroyed his wife, which much affected his mental and bodily health. Shortly after the above mentioned period, he became convinced that his impressions were ill founded, and he then took up the idea of his having attempted violence upon his wife, and that he was answerable to the laws for the same. He remained in the *Hospital* until the 12th January, 1830, at which time he was removed to Mr. James W. McCulloch's.

From the period at which his first unfortunate delusion was removed, the undersigned beg leave to state:—That from all the evidence presented to them, they are of opinion his mental and bodily health has been gradually improving, and is at this time, so much changed for the better, that they feel no hesitancy in saying they believe his recovery in a short time, almost certain; all the witnesses who have visited him recently, concurring in the belief, that he will shortly be restored to perfect health of body and sanity of mind.

The undersigned feel it due to themselves to state, that some of the witnesses who saw Judge Hanson in the early stage of his disease, entertained the opinion that his derangement was of that character which rendered his recovery doubtful, and that they did believe the chances were against his recovery.

The undersigned conceive it not altogether irrelevant to state, that during the winter of '27, '28 Judge McMechin was, as stated by one of the witnesses, in as unfortunate a condition and labouring under as violent a derangement as has visited Judge Hanson, and that he, Judge McMechin, has been restored to a healthy state of mind, and is now engaged in the discharge of his official duties. Under all these circumstances, the undersigned are constrained to differ in opinion from a majority of said committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, and with all due deference for the opinion of the majority, to declare their belief, that no further proceedings ought to be had in the case of Judge Hanson, at the present session of the Legislature.

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