

of Congress, dated March 3, 1879 (20 State, 377, page 387), that the Secretary of War was empowered to pass title to said property to the State of Maryland on condition that the same would be accepted by the State not later than March 1, 1880. By the Act of 1880, Chapter 5, Acts of the State of Maryland, the Governor of Maryland was authorized to accept said property, thereby complying with the Act of Congress. I again examined the records both at Towson and Annapolis, but was unable to get any information touching the matter, so I went to Washington, and investigated the matter at the War Department. There I ascertained that the transfers had been made, not by deed, but by livery of seisin on June 8, 1880, and that no deed could be gotten, nor was it contemplated by Act of Congress to give a deed, but simply to turn over to the State the ground, buildings, etc., showing that the land passed by livery of seisin and not by deed. This is probably one of the very few transfers of land by livery of seisin that have taken place anywhere within the last fifty years. The value of the property is nominal.

#### EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The land on which the Executive Mansion stands was acquired in 1868 by three deeds: One from Matilda E. Green; one from George E. Franklin; and one from James W. Allen and wife; the total cost of the land being \$31,000. The Executive Mansion cost \$200,000, making the present cost \$231,000.

#### GOVERNOR'S STABLES.

The ground on which the Governor's stables stand was acquired in 1870 from William Black and wife, the lot being about 50 feet by 55 feet, and cost \$13,937.59.

The value of the buildings thereon is about \$15,000, making the total value about \$29,000.

#### HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

The land on which the House of Correction stands was acquired during the period between 1874 and 1893, and contains 225 acres. The various grantors in those deeds were George T. Warfield, Michael Bannon, George William Brown, et al., trustees, Thomas I. White, William H. Bians, et al., John J. Snyder and wife, Thomas M. Norris and John W. Biggs.

The total cost of the land was \$22,087. The improvements thereon have cost the State \$250,000.