

THE STATE APPROPRIATION OF 1865.

To the President and Visitors:

GENTLEMEN :

The State appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars, passed January, 1865, was received in that year from the State Treasurer by the Treasurer of the Hospital. The Executive Committee have expended \$2,653.79, to pay William G. Harrison for a loan, reported in the memorial from the President and Visitors to the General Assembly of Maryland, and \$2,346.21 for various necessary repairs and improvements, making together \$5,000.

The Act 139, Session 1865, appropriated the fifteen thousand dollars for the relief of the Maryland Hospital, "to introduce an efficient heating apparatus, and to effect proper and necessary repairs of the buildings and improvements of the grounds, and for other purposes." The memorial asked for twenty-five thousand dollars; but as the appropriation was ten thousand dollars less than that, it became necessary for the committee to postpone the rebuilding of an extensive portion of the fences, and the making of various improvements which have been long contemplated. With regard to the fences the committee have, after much consideration, concluded to advise you, when the means can be obtained for the purpose, to direct the building of a suitable brick wall in front on the line of Monument street, a distance of about five hundred feet.

The remainder of the appropriation, ten thousand dollars, has been used in making part payment for a heating apparatus, combined with a method of ventilation. The committee, after obtaining much information at places where heating large buildings by steam and by hot water, had been sufficiently long in operation to supply facts from the experience of others to guide them in a choice, decided to make a contract with Hayward, Bartlett & Co., agreeing to pay them thirteen thousand five hundred dollars "for building and constructing a complete and perfect hot water apparatus, for heating and ventilating the Hospital, for supplying warm water for the bath rooms, and for warming the green house." The work has been done to the satisfaction of the committee.