

of the friendly care which they would receive at their homes; *and whereas*, there is no public hospital for the reception of and medical and surgical care of such cases free of charge.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the corporators of the Washington University of Baltimore are hereby authorized to establish in connection with said University and under the control and management of the Medical Faculty thereof an hospital to be styled the Maryland Free Hospital, and to acquire and hold all lands necessary for that purpose.

Authority to establish an hospital.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Faculty shall erect or provide a suitable building for said purpose, and provide and maintain therein a sufficient number of beds for the free use of such persons as may require and apply for medical or surgical aid, and furnish all medical and surgical appliances and medicines which they may require free of charge.

Building to be provided.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Faculty shall furnish without charge medical and surgical advice and aid to all indigent such who may apply at said hospital for the same.

Medical and Surgical advice to be furnished.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Governor of this State, upon application of the Faculty of said University, to appoint three competent citizens of this State, whose duty it shall be to inspect the buildings and accommodations in the Hospital as required in the preceding sections, and if upon said inspection the said inspectors, or a majority of them, shall find the requirements of the preceding sections have been fully complied with, then they, or a majority of them, shall report to the next General Assembly the amount of appropriation necessary to maintain said hospital; *provided moreover*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as an obligation upon the State to appropriate any sum of money for the support of said hospital, unless it shall hereafter seem expedient to the Legislature so to do.

Governor required to appoint, &c.

Proviso.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.