

cept interest charged by the parties to whom these accounts were due, which could not be allowed, and was struck out of the several bills.

Under the provisions of Chapt. 337 of 1867, and 414 of 1868, there has been an effort to organize the Militia of the State, but it appears to be nearly a failure, except in Baltimore city. In many and in fact most of the counties, there is no organization whatever, and the only end accomplished is the enrollment and collection of commutation. This opposition to the execution of the law does not arise from any want of military spirit in our people, but because four years of civil strife has disgusted them with every thing that looks like military organization. Whether time will soften the opposition and render the law more acceptable, experience alone can demonstrate.

MARYLAND INSANE ASYLUM.

Under the several provisions of Chapt. 348 of 1856, 179 of 1858, 264 of 1860 and 213 of 1864 there has been paid to the Trustees of the "Maryland Insane Asylum" the sum of \$340,000.00, of this sum \$165,000.00 was paid many years ago, and the building commenced. By Chap. 248 of 1864, the Board of Directors was changed, and by Chap. 213 of 1864, \$175,000.00 was appropriated for the completion of the building. For some cause this Board stopped the prosecution of the work and never drew any of the appropriation. By Chap. 117 of 1868, the old Directors were restored. The President immediately made preparation to resume the work, and during the "Fiscal Year" received from the Treasury \$80,000.00 on account, and since the 30th of September the balance \$95,000.00 total \$175,000.00.

This sum was supposed to be sufficient and intended by the Legislature to complete the edifice and prepare it to receive the inmates under the provisions of the several enactments. It is far from being completed and has no inmates except the officers. It is a question of doubt whether an additional sum equal in amount to what has already been expended, will complete an edifice in extent and magnificence far beyond the wants or ability of our State.