

We have every reason to believe that our action in the premises will receive the approval of the Legislature and of the people of the State.

## STATE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

The Act of 1874, chapter 233, provides for the establishment at some accessible point "near the City of Baltimore, or at such point as the Board of Public Works and Attorney-General may select, an institution to be called the Maryland House of Correction," and appropriates the proceeds of a loan to be issued, called "The House of Correction State Loan," to the purchasing of grounds and the erection of the necessary buildings for the said Institution. The said loan is directed to be made by the issue of bonds of the State to the amount of \$250,000.00, and the Board of Public Works and the Attorney-General of the State, were, by the Act, charged with the duty of selecting the grounds and contracting for the erection of the building.

The inconvenience of frequently convening a number of State officers, all having their time occupied with other duties prescribed by law, has been very sensibly felt, but in the performance of this duty Institutions outside of the State have been visited by them, and a large number of grounds offered for the purpose have been examined, necessitating more delay than was at first supposed would be necessary. After expending much time and labor in the examination of grounds offered, a site was unanimously agreed upon near Jessup's Station on the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, about fourteen miles from the City of Baltimore. The farms contains 93 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, and was purchased for the sum of \$13,000. This position was chosen on account of its advantages in point of accessibility to every portion of the State, the healthfulness of the location, the convenience with which railroad transportation could be had directly within the walls of the Institution, the suitableness of the grounds, and the plentiful supply of running water, which was considered as necessary for the comfort of the inmates and the successful working of the Institution. No other place offered was regarded by us as possessing all these qualifications in an equal degree. An arrangement