

ARTICLE LIII.

GUARDIANSHIP OF NON COMPOTES MENTIS, INSANE,  
AND INEBRIATES.

NON COMPOTES MENTIS.

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NON COMPOTES MENTIS.

1. A court of equity may, on the application of any trustee of a person *non compos mentis*, and receiving proof that it is necessary and proper to confine such person, direct such trustee to send the person under his charge to any hospital in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, provided he can be there received, to remain until the further order of the court; and any person *non compos mentis* who has heretofore been sent to any hospital or receptacle in Philadelphia under an order of a court of equity of this State, may be removed, by order of the court of the county or city having equity jurisdiction from which such person was sent, to any of said hospitals near the city of Baltimore, and the court may enforce its orders as in other cases.

Art 16, s 87  
1797, c 114, s 7  
1813, c 21  
Confinement,  
and where

LUNATICS AND INSANE.

2. When any person is alleged to be a lunatic or insane pauper, the Circuit Court for the county in which such person may reside, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if such person resides in the city of Baltimore, shall cause a jury of twelve good and lawful men to be impanelled forthwith, and shall charge the said jury to inquire whether such person is insane or lunatic, and if found so, it shall be the duty of the court to cause such person to be sent to the almshouse of the county or city to which he belongs, or to an hospital, or to some other place better suited in the judgment of the court to his condition, there to be confined at the expense of the county or city until he shall have recovered and been discharged in due course

Art. 53, s 1.  
1834, c 194  
Pauper lunatic

Inquisition by  
jury