

The President presented the following :

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, March 2d, 1892.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

I have the honor to transmit herewith to your Honorable Body a communication just received from the Honorable George Chandler, Acting Secretary of the Interior, accompanied by copies of two deeds, in which he asks that an Act be passed by the Maryland Legislature ceding jurisdiction to the United States over the lands described in the said two copies of deeds, which lands have been purchased for the use of the Government Hospital for the Insane.

As the request seems to be a reasonable and necessary one, I very respectfully recommend that an Act be passed as requested by the authorities of the Government.

FRANK BROWN,

Governor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, February 29th, 1892.

The Governor of the State of Maryland.

Annapolis, Maryland.

SIR: In the Act of Congress making appropriation for the sundry civil expenses of the Government during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, approved August 30, 1890 (26 Stats. L. 392,) an appropriation of \$10,000 was made for the purchase of additional farm land for the Government Hospital for the Insane, and in the Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, and prior years, approved March 3, 1891 (26 Stats., L. 878) a further appropriation of \$10,000 was made for the same purpose.

With a view to carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts referred to the Superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, in conjunction with the Board of Visitors for that institution, selected a tract of land known as "Mt. Welby" and part of "Oxon Hill Manor," containing between 400 and 500 acres, lying on the eastern bank of the Potomac River, three