

miles south of the Hospital and partly within the limits of Prince George's county, Maryland, and of the District of Columbia.

The purchase has been completed of that portion of the tract of land lying and being in the State of Maryland and more particularly described in the accompanying copies of deeds from Samuel Bieber, dated November 21st, 1891, and J. C. Heald, dated July 31st, 1891, and the legal as well as equitable title to the same is now in the United States.

The Superintendent of the Hospital reports that it is his intention to employ more or less of the inmates of the institution in the cultivation of the farm land, and as it is probable that at some time in the future the Government may desire to erect buildings thereon, it is desirable that jurisdiction thereof be ceded to the United States, especially as there is grave doubt whether jurisdiction goes with the purchase without cession by the State of Maryland.

Inasmuch as title 2, Article 3, of the Revised Code of Maryland (edition 1878), providing for the acquiring of jurisdiction by the United States over places within the State only relates to land procured through condemnation and by purchase where it is to be used in connection with lighthouses, beacons and other aids to navigation, and does not affect the purchase herein referred to, it being farm land, I have the honor to request that you will bring this matter to the attention of the Legislature of Maryland, to the end that an Act be passed ceding jurisdiction to the United States over the land described in the deeds hereinbefore referred to.

Very respectfully,

GEO. CHANDLER.

Acting Secretary.

This indenture, made this 21st day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, by and between Samuel Bieber and Johanna Bieber, his wife, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, of the first part, and the United States of America of the second part:

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of sixty-five hundred (\$6,500) dollars, lawful money to them in hand paid by the