

PENNA. INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB,
Philadelphia, Sept. 9th, 1864.

HON. WM. B. HILL,

Secretary of State, Annapolis, Md.

SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 2nd instant, and to inform you that it was laid before the Board of Directors, at a stated meeting held on the 7th instant.

It is to be regretted that the Legislature of your State did not make the necessary appropriation for the support of the pupils placed by her in this Institution. But the Board of Directors entertaining no doubt that the Legislature at their next meeting will promptly provide the requisite means to educate these unfortunate children, without any hesitation consent to their remaining. The Board last year lost upwards of twenty-six dollars on every pupil under their care at the annual charge of \$180. Prices have so greatly increased that it has become *absolutely requisite* that the annual charge should be raised to \$200, when the pupils are clothed by their parents and \$240 when the clothing is provided by the Institution.

I ask the especial attention of His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, to the enclosed resolutions, which will fully explain the views of the Directors on this subject.

In regard to the case of Jno. H. Tims, I beg leave to remark that the Legislature of Maryland having allowed the term of *seven years* to each pupil, and no limitation having been made in any other case so far as I am aware, the fact of the limitation to *four years* was lost sight of, and as his tuition was paid without any objection, there was nothing to awaken attention to the case.

It will scarcely be a matter of regret that this unfortunate boy has enjoyed nearly the full term so beneficially granted by your Commonwealth to her deaf mute children.

Very respectfully yours, &c.,

F. MORTIMER LEWIS, Treas.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, held on Wednesday, 7th September, A. D., 1864, the following Resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That from and after the 7th instant, the pupils