

Some provision should be made for the discharge of these expenses, necessary for the protection of the State.

In pursuance of the provision heretofore made for retracing and marking the Western and Southern boundary line between this State and Virginia, I appointed Thomas J. Lee, Esq., of Baltimore county, late of the U. S. Topographical Engineers, Commissioner on the part of Maryland, in the place of Col. Geo. W. Hughes, who had resigned. It was satisfactory to be able to find one so eminently qualified as Mr. Lee, by education and experience, for this important service, requiring the greatest attainable exactness and scientific precision; and the result of the labors thus far of the two Commissioners, who had the assistance of Lieut. Michler, of the U. S. Topographical Bureau, is laid before you in the report herewith submitted. It will be necessary to make an appropriation to carry on and complete this work, which has been too long left uncared for, and which can now be consummated with a precision and certainty that will forever close all question of title and jurisdiction.

The report of the directors of the Maryland Penitentiary is also herewith submitted, from which you will learn the improved condition of that Institution, and the indispensable necessity, if it is to be retained, of providing at once for its freedom from financial embarrassment, and of making such further provision for security and safekeeping, as the increased number of convicts require. This want has long been felt; has been repeatedly pressed upon each succeeding General Assembly, who have, in their appropriations, contented themselves with patching up past deficiencies, instead of meeting the pressing demand for such relief and provision as should make it free of such necessity. Your inspection is needed and invited there, to satisfy you of the necessity of such measure as your wisdom may judge expedient.

The Hospital for the Insane, the Asylum for the Blind, also have claims upon the State, which cannot be disregarded. These noble charities have a right to support from the State. They should be cherished and furnished with the means of extending their usefulness, and absolute relief to the State, which should not dole out to them some small stipend, by way of getting rid of an importunity. Their rightful claims to public support should be acknowledged and met, in return for the great good and service they do the public.

The same remark applies to the necessity of further provision for the education of the Deaf and Dumb. Maryland is sadly behind other States in this respect; and a pressing demand is for a law requiring a levy upon the counties and city for the support of this class of unfortunates.

The House of Refuge, for juvenile delinquents, has received aid from the State, for which it has rendered the best possible