

PENNA. INST. DEAF AND DUMB,

Philadelphia, March 6, 1863.

SIR:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of Feb. 11, 1863. It was submitted to a meeting of the Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution held on the 4th inst., and without any formal action by them, I feel myself authorized to say that under the circumstances the Institution will receive for the Maryland pupils, as heretofore, \$160—reserving a claim for the difference between that sum and \$180—from March 1, 1863, to be submitted to the justice and liberality of the Legislature when they meet. The increase has been agreed to by the constituted authorities of the State of New Jersey, and a bill has passed the Senate, and is on its passage through the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. By the law of Delaware, she pays at whatever rate Pennsylvania pays. The private pay pupils are all notified of the increase from 1st March, 1863. We really should have applied for this increase more than a year ago, as it had become evident, that the sum of \$160 was not fully meeting expenses, excluding all charge for rent. Of course the advance in all prices during the year makes the increase now a matter of necessity; as the loss is very considerable, I shall, perhaps, recall this matter to your recollection before the 1st January next—in the meantime, we wish it to be understood that our receipt of the old sum from Maryland is under a reservation of our claim to the increase.

Very truly yours,

GEO. SHARSWOOD.

His Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,

Annapolis.

With great respect,
GEO. SHARSWOOD, President.
JAMES T. BARCLAY, Secretary.