

with estimates for the current month.

In reply, I beg to say that the nature of our accounts is such that we cannot without great labour exhibit the fiscal concerns of the companies to any period short of the one to which the annual accounts are customarily made up; but it affords me pleasure to assure the Governor that the works have earned an increased revenue over that of last year, that the interest to the State for the current year has been paid, and that there is no reason whatever to doubt that it will continue to be punctually met, in all the future.

If this general Statement be not as full as the Governor desires, I shall have great pleasure in expending whatever labour may be necessary to answer, in greater detail every inquiry he may desire to make.

I am very respectfully

Yr most obt Servt

George W. Dobbin
President.

Maryland Hospital

27th December 1853.

His Excellency E. Louis Lowe

Governor of Maryland

Dear Sir

In compliance with the request in your note of the 21st December I shall, with much brevity, make a few remarks respecting a wall and the finances.

At your visit to this Hospital for the Insane in the last spring, while you were noticing the grounds for the use of the patients in taking exercise, your attention was attracted by the wicket fence which bounds them.

Indeed, no improvement on the premises is more needed than a substantial brick wall of proper height. It is evident to every observer that the Officers of the institution must have many anxieties owing to the facility with which ingenious insane patients can escape from the protection they need; and it is also evident that the grounds are too much exposed to the curiosity of numerous passers, the population of the large City of Baltimore being so very near.

A large part of the present wood fence separating the property from neighboring streets is old and decayed, requiring constant repairs. The building of a suitable wall