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of bricks it is estimated will cost about ten thousand dollars. All the current expenses necessary in the management of the Institution are paid out of funds received for the support of patients. The annual receipts average about twenty five thousand dollars. The expenditures, including the cost of many internal repairs and improvements which are constantly required, are so regulated as to avoid the forming of unmanageable debts.

Very respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

John Fonerden.

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State of Maryland.

Executive Department

Annapolis December 28<sup>th</sup> 1853

To John Fonerden, M.D.

Sir:

The Governor received your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, with the accompanying report of the Board of Visitors of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane of the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1853.

You estimate the cost of a brick wall around the grounds of the Institution at about \$10,000. The Governor is decidedly of the opinion that it ought to be built. When, however, he intimated his readiness to recommend it in his Message, he had no idea that the cost would be as great. That, with him, would be no difficulty; but he fears that to recommend to the Legislature at the coming session the appropriation of so large an amount for that purpose would impair the chances of the appropriations necessary to carry on the building of the new Hospital.

Great as were the efforts of the Governor, he failed to obtain an appropriation for the House of Refuge; and only \$10,000 have yet been appropriated to the New Insane Asylum. The Legislature is indisposed to make large appropriations at any one session; and the Governor apprehends that if he were to press an appropriation of \$10,000 for the wall, it would fail, and perhaps injure the prospects of the New Institution. Would it not be well, therefore, to secure the new establishment which is so much needed, first, and afterwards apply for the appropriation desired by you. As between the two objects, there can be no comparison made. The inconvenience arising out of the want of the proposed wall has been long borne, and may be endured for a short period yet; whereas the necessity for a new Asylum is immediate and pressing. The Governor presents these views