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Baltimore, February 16th, 1834.

Messrs. Mayer, Wootton, Claude, Wharton, Blakistone, Nicols. Committee of the Legislature.

Gentlemen:—I have been unavoidably prevented sending you, as early as I could have wished, the particular information your requested to have; I hope however the delay will cause no hinderance to our expectations.

If I have omitted any thing, please inform me, and I will immediately attend to it—one thing I hope you will fully consider, the propriety of rendering this institution entirely a LUNATIC ASSYLUM, principally because lunatics are a class of patients that should be kept by themselves, and where other patients are admitted generally, they will not come; such an institution ought to exist in every state, and I hope ours will maintain one equal to any other. The profits of such an institution should be employed in the support of paupers, lunatic patients, (this is the case in the Philadelphia and other Hospitals,) would it not be well to frame the law so as to oblige the institution to maintain the pauper lunatics of the several counties of the state gratuitously, in consideration of the contributions of the state. The account of our treasurer, shows how the money has been expended, granted last year; and you will also see by the same that about \$1000 over and above, have been expended in making repairs, of which you yourselves had an opportunity of judging as to the propriety. The plan of the building, shows its general size and appearance and the size of the rooms, there are in the main building 11 rooms finished, and 4 unfinished, in the new part of the west wing. there are 27 cells, 9 of which (in the basement) are not habitable at present: in the east wing there are 18 small rooms, or cells, (not having iron bars to the windows.) On the