

[A.]

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO BUILD  
THE STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

To his Excellency, CHARLES C. STRATTON,

Governor of the state of New Jersey :

The Commissioners appointed to build the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, respectfully REPORT :

That during the past year, the various departments of labor necessary to finish the building, have been industriously prosecuted ; and the carpenters and masons have fulfilled their contracts for putting up the Asylum edifice.

There are some items of labor connected with the fixtures, and require to be done with them, which will come under the supervision of the Managers, the ascertained amount of which is included in the stated cost of the building.

The amount expended in erecting the Asylum edifice, including the sums reported in 1846-7, is eighty thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars, viz :

Mason work and materials,	\$38,652.44
Carpenter work and lumber,	26,618.57
Slating,	3,350.49
Glass, Glazing, paints and painting,	3,729.23
Copper, tin and work,	924.18
Hardware,	1,799.79
Grating, railing, casting and smith work,	2,739.57
Digging cellar,	550.00
Mantles,	139.00
Miscellaneous,	2,146.73
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	\$80,650.00

Amount carried forward, \$80,650.00  
 To meet this expense, there has been received the whole of the appropriations of the legislatures of 1846-7, viz: \$75,000.00  
 Excess of rent of farm above expense of same, 136.42  
 75,136.42

Which, deducted from the above amount, leaves a balance against the state, unprovided for, of \$5,713.58

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELI F. COOLEY.  
 CALVIN HOWELL. } Commissioners.  
 SAMUEL RUSH. }

January 12th, 1848.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

To his Excellency, CHARLES C. STRATTON,  
 Governor of the state of New Jersey:

The Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum REPORT :

That having met at Trenton, on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1847, pursuant to law, the board was organized by the appointment of James Parker, as President, and Thomas J. Stryker, as Secretary, and a committee of the board was appointed to co-operate with the building Commissioners in reference to the construction of the necessary fixtures, and for procuring furniture and stock for the institution.

On the 19th April, the board appointed Stacy A. Paxson Treasurer, with a salary of \$100, and Dr. Horace A. Buttolph Superintendent, with a salary of \$1,500, to take effect from the 1st May, 1847.

Doctor Buttolph was at the time assistant physician at the Insane Asylum at Utica, in the state of New York, of long practice in the treatment of insane persons, and strongly recommended by persons of high character, as being every way qualified for the duties of the office. It was thought proper to appoint a superintendent thus qualified, at the time, so as to have his aid and the benefit of his experience in finishing the building and providing the necessary fixtures and furniture; and the result has fully satisfied the board of the advantage derived from his assistance in this respect.

In July, Mr. Jasper S. Scudder was appointed Treasurer, in the room of Stacy A. Paxson, deceased; and Mrs. Mary But-

tolph was appointed Matron, with a salary of \$300, to take effect on the 1st October; her assistance in preparing bedding and other furniture being considered necessary and of advantage to the institution. On the 1st of September, Caleb Sager was appointed Steward, at a salary of \$600, and commenced his duties on the 5th. He has been employed in the purchase of stock, in the general superintendence of the farm, levelling and clearing the ground around the building, &c.

By-laws for the government of the institution have been prepared, of which fifteen hundred copies have been ordered to be printed for distribution.

There has been drawn from the treasury of the state, by warrants from the Governor, the sum of \$5,500.00 Of which has been expended in payment

for salaries,	\$625.00	
Fixtures and furniture,	2,947.80	
Gas works,	88.75	
Farm and stock,	306.99	
Various incidental expenses,	1,097.97	
		<u>5,066.51</u>

And there remains in the treasury of the Asylum, \$433.49

The Managers have authorized the construction of gas works, as the most economical and safe mode for lighting the building, and they have for the same reason adopted the plan of warming the building by steam.

The state of the building and the unfavorable weather for putting it in order for the reception of patients, will probably prevent the Asylum from being in a fit state for that purpose before April next.

The expense for providing the fixtures and furniture for the institution, for the erection of the gas works, the heating apparatus, payment of salaries and wages of attendants, fencing the farm and purchase of farming stock, the improvement of the grounds, and incidental expenses, will probably require an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance already appropriated by law. A detailed estimate of these items will be furnished by the committee appointed for the purpose of superintending this branch of the business.

By order of the Board,

JAMES PARKER, *President.*

TRENTON, January 5th, 1848.