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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

N. J. STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM,

AT TRENTON,

FOR THE YEAR MDCCCLV.

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MANAGERS' REPORT.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, RODMAN M. PRICE, GOVERNOR OF THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY:—

The Managers of the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, in presenting their ninth annual report, have the satisfaction to state, that the affairs of the Institution have been conducted, in the several departments, to their entire satisfaction.

All the officers of the institution, have discharged their respective duties, with great fidelity.

The quarterly meetings of the managers have been attended, and the usual inspection of the wards performed.

On the 1st of January, 1855, there were in the asylum 213 patients. There have been admitted during the year, 139; and there have been discharged and died, during the year, 119, leaving on the 1st of January, 1856, 233 patients in the asylum.

In April, 1854, soon after the appropriation by the legislature, of \$43,000 to build wings to the lunatic asylum, to put up fixture, and provide furniture for the same, the managers met, and took the subject of building into consideration, and after receiving proposals, and making calculations as to the expense of the contemplated buildings, &c., they were satisfied that it would require the greatest economy to accomplish the work, so as not to exceed the appropriation.

The increased number of patients, and the crowded state of the asylum, demanded increased accommodation. And while the managers indulged the hope, that the work might be done for

a sum not exceeding the appropriation, notwithstanding the greatly enhanced price of materials and labor, above what they were, when the estimate was submitted to the legislature, yet they felt it their duty to commence the erection of the wings, even should the expense a little exceed the estimate.

Accordingly, they commenced, and have prosecuted the work to the erection of the buildings, finishing and furnishing the east wing, which is now occupied, and nearly finishing the west wing, laying the pipes for conducting water, for heating and lighting the wings, &c.

In the prosecution of the work, it was found necessary to alter some rooms in the previously built wings, and to construct others for passage ways to the new; to make sewers, and a tank for drainage from the buildings, and, to give greater efficiency to the apparatus for heating the building, before the removal of the boilers to their present location, considerable alteration was made in the chimneys, &c., of the central building, works not included in the estimate presented to the legislature.

All the work has been done in a style which reflects great credit on the mechanics and builders.

The expense of the above is \$46,537.30

Of this sum there has been paid 39,953.02

Leaving a balance due on account, of \$6,584.28

There has been drawn from the treasury, by warrants from the governor, of the appropriation of \$43,000, \$39,500, leaving an undrawn balance of 3,500.00

This being deducted from the above balance due, will leave \$3,084.28

To this must be added for over-drafts on the Trenton Banking Company, 453.11

Making the expenditure, over appropriation, \$3,537.39

The boilers which were in the basement of the centre build-

ing, for heating the house, have been removed to a building erected for the purpose, about one hundred yards distant; and a large boiler has been added to the above. The pipes for heating the asylum have been laid and the work completed, for a sum not exceeding the appropriation by the legislature of six thousand dollars, for that specific purpose.

The managers would respectfully request a personal inspection by the members of the legislature, of the additions and alterations made at the asylum.

To prevent the basement walls of the newly built wings, from being injured by water from the roof, it will be necessary that flagging be laid about them as at the other buildings. And as but a small part of the furniture has been provided for the west wing, to finish and furnish the same, to pay the interest on bills which the managers were unable to meet when due, and to meet the indebtedness already incurred as above, there will be needed a further sum of six thousand dollars, which the managers respectfully ask of the legislature, and also for the usual appropriation for the support of county patients.

The annual inventory, as required, has been taken, which with the reports of the superintendent and treasurer are herewith submitted.

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NEW JERSEY STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Jan. 2, 1856,

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New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, Jan. 2, 1856.

By balance in the treasurer's hands from last year, \$ 36.89
By amount received from the state treasurer, 6,540.04
By " " " " from revenue account, 30,607.98

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount paid sundry bills as per vouchers, 37,173.01
Balance in treasurer's hands, 1.40

The following statement of the fiscal concerns of the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum for the year commencing January the first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and ending December the thirty-first of the same year, is respectfully submitted to the board of managers.

RECEIPTS:	
Balance in the treasurer's hands,	\$ 416.28
Received from the state of New Jersey,	6,540.04
Revenue account from asylum,	30,607.98
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	\$37,564.30
PAYMENTS:	
Paid for the steward's account,	\$37,173.01
" " special appropriation,	389.89
Balance in treasurer's hands,	1.40
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	\$37,564.30

The following statements shows the special appropriation and steward's account.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.	
By balance in the treasurer's hands from last year	\$389.89
To amount paid sundry bills as per vouchers,	389.89

STEWARD'S ACCOUNT.

By balance in the treasurer's hands from last year, \$	26.39
By amount received from the state treasurer,	6,540.04
By " " from revenue account,	30,607.98
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	37,174.41
To amount paid sundry bills as per vouchers,	37,173.01
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Balance in treasurer's hands	1.40

The following is the account rendered by the steward to the treasurer, showing in detail the different receipts, and mode of expenditures for the above amount:

PAYMENTS.

The New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum in account with J. S. Scudder, Treasurer, from December 27, 1854, to December 28, 1855.

To amount paid for Provision account,	\$10,018.22
" " Traveling expense account,	33.76
" " Stock,	121.50
" " Refunding,	276.93
" " Farm and garden,	585.88
" " Light,	305.46
" " Petty current expense	463.82
" " Smith & wheel-wright	145.86
" " Funeral expense	256.25
" " Straw	166.99
" " Laundry,	190.65
" " Freight,	128.42
" " Harness,	20.21
" " Newspaper,	29.44
" " Amusement,	6.27

To amount paid for Medical account,	207.36
" " Books and stationery acc't,	72.77
" " Fruit,	228.53
" " Furniture,	503.28
" " Wages,	8,359.20
" " Fixture,	309.34
" " Groceries,	2,430.90
" " Postage,	110.11
" " Grounds and grading,	25.19
" " Clothing,	2,410.24
" " Flour,	4,121.99
" " Feed,	1,010.14
" " Repairs,	822.69
" " Incidental,	224.11
" " Fuel,	3,587.50
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Balance,	\$37,173.01
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The New Jersey Lunatic Asylum, in account with J. S. Scudder, Treasurer, from December 27th, 1854, to December, 28th, 1855, Cr.

RECEIPTS.

By balance from last year,	\$	26.39
By amount received from State of New Jersey,		6,540.04
“ “ Provision account,	\$54.97	
“ “ Traveling,	47.73	
“ “ Farm & garden	32.00	
“ “ Light,	10.55	
“ “ Funeral expense	240.75	
“ “ Postage,	59.17	
“ “ Damage,	53.54	
“ “ Incidental,	36.71	
“ “ Repairs,	50.00	
“ “ Board & clothing of private patients,	10,316.49	
“ “ Board & clothing of county patients,	\$19,706.07	
		<u>30,607.98</u>
		\$37,174.41

1855, December 28, By balance, 1.40

Respectfully submitted to J. S. Scudder, Treasurer.

CALEB SAGER, *Steward.*

All which is respectfully submitted by

JASPER S. SCUDDER,
Treasurer.

Dated, Trenton, December 31st, 1855.

We certify, that the above statement has been examined by us, and the amounts paid, compared with the vouchers, and that the same are correctly stated and balanced.

JAMES S. GREEN,
THOMAS J. STRYKER,

Auditing Committee of the Board of Managers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Managers of the Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the law for organizing the Asylum, the superintendent submits his annual report:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Patients in the asylum January 1st, 1855,	107	106	213
Received since, to January 1st, 1856,	58	81	139
Under treatment during the year,	165	187	352
Discharged recovered during the year,	28	39	67
“ improved “ “ “	14	14	28
“ unimproved “ “ “	3		3
Escaped,	1		1
Died,	12	8	20
Total discharged,	58	61	119
“ remaining, December 31st, 1855,	107	126	233

	Pauper.	Indigent.	Private.
Of this number there are,	46	134	53

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Whole number received from opening of asylum, May 15, 1848, to January 1st, 1856,	433	463	896

Of this number there have been discharged, recovered,	161	177	338
Discharged improved,	92	90	182
“ unimproved,	13	15	28
Escaped,	2		2
Died,	58	55	113
Total discharged and died,	326	337	663
Remaining December 31st, 1855,	107	126	233

GENERAL RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS.

The number of patients received and treated the past year was three hundred and fifty-two, of whom sixty-seven were discharged recovered, twenty-eight improved, three unimproved, one escaped, and twenty died.

Death occurred in five cases from general exhaustion, in five from consumption, in two from congestion of the brain, in two from dysentery, in one from dropsy, one from palsy, one from apoplexy, one from epilepsy, one from inflammation of the bladder, and one died suddenly from causes not ascertained, though probably from sudden rupture of internal blood vessel, or from effusion into the lungs or about the heart.

Twenty-four more patients have received the benefits of the institution, and ten more have been discharged recovered, during the past than in any former year; showing that it is becoming increasingly useful with the increase of its capacity and facilities for the care and cure of the insane. The arrangements and fittings of the new wings have been found to be well adapted to the wants of the institution, in providing for the classification and comfort of the patients, so far as they have been furnished and used.

The work of removing the steam boilers used for warming and other purposes, from their situation beneath the central edifice to a detached building about three hundred feet in the rear of the main structure, and for which a special appropriation of six thousand dollars was made by the legislature at its last session, has been completed for a sum not exceeding the amount specified. The several parts of this work are as follows:

A stone building thirty-five by seventy-eight feet, and one story high, used as a boiler house, store house for fuel, and a blacksmith shop. A stack ninety feet high, with circular flue four feet three inches in diameter, used as smoke flue for all the boilers and the gas house; also as a ventilating shaft for the main sewer pipe so that all the closets of the origi-

nal structure have downward ventilation through its agency. An underground passage from the boiler house to the main building, three feet wide and about six feet high in the clear, with side walls of stone, covered with flag stone with joints made tight by cement. In this is placed the main conductor of steam from all the boilers to the air chambers of the whole building, which consists of a five inch cast iron pipe four hundred feet long, also a two inch wrought iron pipe for summer use, and a two inch cast iron pipe for returning the condensed steam or hot water, from the several ranges of radiating pipe in the air chambers, to a tank in the boiler house, from which it is again returned by one of Worthington's steam pumps to the several boilers as they require water.

Beneath the passage above described, is another close trunk twelve inches square, and used as the ventilating duct from the main sewer to the chimney.

One new large boiler, made by Vancleve, McKean, Dripps & Co., of Trenton, has been added to the four originally in use; also a large quantity of distributing and radiating pipe placed in the chambers of the centre structure, to supply the place of the four boilers, the direct heat of which warmed that part of the building.

The four old boilers were found in a state not to require expensive repairs, and it is hoped may continue to do good service for some time to come.

One other valuable fixture has been added during the year to our means of raising water, which is one of Worthington's No. 5 steam pumps. This is a powerful machine capable of supplying from seven to nine thousand gallons of water per hour at easy working speed, and will secure us against failure in the supply of water at all times, and especially in case repairs are required by the very efficient No. 3 Rotary pump (Carey's patent), which has been in use during the last three years.

The fixtures alluded to in my last report to be used in case of fire, and which might be supplied with water by either or

both our pumps, are still needed to increase the security of the building against destruction or damage by that element.

The farm and garden have been very productive during the past year, and have contributed valuable aid by supplying vegetables, fruits, etc., in their season, for the use of the household, and agreeable and useful labor to many of the male patients.

Some progress has been made during the year in laying out and improving the grounds, especially near the museum and reading room and Calistheneum, which structures have been finished, and we hope will prove extensively useful in future, as means of amusement and exercise to the patients.

Plans of these, also of the main edifice as now extended, are presented in this report, that the friends of the institution and others may obtain desired information in reference to the principal architectural facilities here provided for the comfort and recovery of the insane.

Of the adaptation of such arrangements and indeed of the beneficial effect upon the minds of the insane, if the general routine of a well ordered public institution, there is now so little diversity of sentiment, that a recapitulation of the facts and arguments favorable thereto, is not now and here deemed necessary. A reference to the statistics of the institution, shows that of six hundred and sixty-three patients discharged since its opening in 1848, more than five hundred have left either recovered or improved; thus demonstrating the utility of the provision made by the state for the welfare of this class of the afflicted.

By an examination of the treasurer's report it will be perceived that the current expenses of the institution have been limited to its current receipts, as derived from various sources, and this notwithstanding the continued prevalence of high prices for nearly all the supplies purchased. It should be remarked, however, that it has not been practicable during the last two years, with the rate of board charged and received for patients at the public expense, to make such repairs of

the building as were needed for its perfect preservation and such renewal of furniture as was required for the best appearance and most comfortable accommodation of the patients.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

To the clergymen of Trenton, and the vicinity, we are much indebted for their continued kindness in conducting the religious services of our chapel on Sunday, which has been held with few interruptions during the year. From Franklin F. Randolph, of New York, we have received the liberal sum of \$274, for the benefit of the museum and reading-room, and from W. B. F. Randolph, \$20, and a valuable engraving for the same object. From W. J. Owen, of Trenton, \$6 25.— From J. A. Hutchinson, \$5. From Dr. Clapp, of Trenton, valuable geological specimens for the museum, and from B. S. Disbrow of the same place, a neat rose-wood box to be used as a depository of contributions to the museum fund. Other persons have kindly furnished articles to aid in carrying out the objects of this building, and which we hope will become increasingly useful, as the vacant shelves are filled up by contributions, and such other means as may be applied for the object.

For the Calistheneum we have received various sums, viz.: from Al Lemassena, of Newark, \$50, in addition to former donation; and from Mrs. Byles, of Burlington, \$20. From Samuel Trotter & Co., Philadelphia, \$8.43. From Fithian, Jones & Co., set of balls for ten-pin alley. From Henry A. Ford, Esq., Morristown, \$5. In this connection we may also mention, that in finishing and furnishing this building, used as an exercise room for the female patients, at all seasons, a debt of about \$250 was incurred, to remove which we shall gratefully receive any donations that may be offered.

From Prof. A. D. Bache, superintendent of the U. S. coast survey, we have received a copy of his report, containing

many valuable engravings, representing the state of progress of the work assigned to, and being accomplished by that department.

From S. O. Bowles, publisher of Boston, regular numbers of monthly religious magazine.

From C. Scott, of Trenton, ten volumes for ward libraries.

We are also much indebted to editors and publishers for gratuitous copies of the following weekly newspapers:—Somerset Messenger, Somerville, N. J.; Monmouth Democrat, Freehold; Standard, Middletown Point; Democratic Banner, Morristown; West Jerseyman, Camden; Jersey Blue, do.; West Jersey Pioneer, Brigeton; Herald, Mount Holly; Mirror, do.; Whig, Somerville; Reformer, Trenton; Merder Standard, do.; N. J. Journal, Elizabethtown; Village Record, Hightstown; Mercer County Mirror, Princeton; N. J. Tribune, Elizabeth; Home Journal, N. Y., from T. J. Stryker, Esq., of Trenton; Commercial Advertiser, daily, N. York, at half price. In addition to these, there have been received by the institution, on subscription, copies of the Daily Times, N. York; Daily Advertiser, Newark; State Gazette, of Trenton; True American, do.; besides many weekly and monthly papers and magazines; all of which have served a valuable purpose by supplying, with the books from our libraries, entertaining and useful reading for the patients.

During the past year, we have received much documentary and other information from Miss D. L. Dix, concerning the institutions and the insane of Great Britain. Miss D. is now on the continent of Europe, where she proposes to remain during the winter, and it is earnestly hoped, that her efforts may prove as successful in ameliorating the condition of the insane abroad, as they have been in behalf of thousands in her native land.

To the board of managers I am under renewed obligations for their personal care and oversight of the affairs of the institution, and for their considerate kindness of myself and family.

To the resident officers associated with me, and others who have faithfully performed the arduous duties of their respective stations, I would most cheerfully accord the merit due to such service.

Still relying upon the enlightened counsel of the board of managers, the fostering care of the government and people of the state, and the blessing of an all-wise Providence, this report is respectfully submitted.

H. A. BUTTOLPH,
Superintendent.

NEW JERSEY LUNATIC ASYLUM, }
Trenton, January 1, 1856. }

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The forms of "request for admission," "certificate of insanity," and "bond for removal" are as follows:

APPENDIX.

FORM OF REQUEST.

To the Superintendent of the N. J. State Lunatic Asylum: The undersigned, of the township of _____ in the county of _____ is desirous _____

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

Trenton and hereby requests the admission therein of _____ a resident of the township of _____ in the county of _____ who is aged _____ years, and _____ been _____ here state what the occupation, profession, or business of the person has been. He (or she) is a native of _____ in the state of _____ and _____

PRIVATE PATIENTS,*

Or those supported by themselves or their friends, are admitted to the asylum, when there are vacancies, on their complying with the directions and forms contained in chapters 19, 20, 21, and 22, of the by-laws of the institution, which are in substance as follows:

That patients of all classes be made perfectly clean and free from any contagious or infectious disease; that they be provided with suitable clothing, and sufficient in quantity for one or more changes; that a written history of patients be sent with them, or that they be accompanied by a person capable of giving such information; that a "request for their admission" be made by some friend; that a "certificate of insanity," by one respectable physician, be brought with the patient; and lastly, that a bond, with satisfactory sureties, be given for the payment of their expenses, such payment being made quarterly in advance, and for their removal, when discharged.

The price of board per week, for those supported at public charge, is \$2; for those supported by friends, \$3 and upwards, according to the nature of the case and their ability to pay.

* Application for admission of patients, if made by letter, should be addressed to the superintendent.

The forms of "request for admission," "certificate of insanity," and "bond for support," &c., are as follows :

FORM OF REQUEST.

To the Superintendent of the N. J. State Lunatic Asylum :

The undersigned, of the township of —, in the county of —, is desirous of placing in the state lunatic asylum, at Trenton, and hereby requests the admission therein of —, a resident of the township of —, in the county of —, who is aged — years, and has been [here state what the occupation, profession, or business of the person has been.] He (or she) is a native of —, in the state of —, and is [here state what the relationship or circumstances of connection may be] of the undersigned.

[Then should follow a written history of the case, stating the alleged cause of insanity, when it commenced, and all the particulars of the case.]

Dated —, 185 .

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF INSANITY.

I, A. B., physician of the township of —, in the county of —, do certify that I have examined into, or am acquainted with the state of health and mental condition of C. D. of the township of —, in the county of —, and that he is, in my opinion insane, and a fit subject to be sent to the state lunatic asylum.

Signed, A. B.

Dated —, 185 .

[The law requiring the certificates of two physicians, under oath, was repealed by supplement of March 1, 1850.]

FORM OF BOND.

Know all men by these presents, that we, —, of the township of —, in the county of —, are held and firmly

bound unto —, treasurer of the New Jersey state lunatic asylum, and his successors in office, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the payment of which we jointly and severally bind ourselves firmly by these presents:

Sealed with our seals, and dated this — day of —, 185 .

Whereas, —, of the township of —, in the county of —, a lunatic, has been admitted a boarder in the New Jersey state lunatic asylum, at Trenton: Now therefore the condition of this obligation is, that if the said obligators shall pay to the said treasurer, or his successors in office, the sum of — dollars and — cents per week, for the board of said lunatic, so long as — shall continue a boarder in said asylum, with such extra charges as may be occasioned by — requiring more than ordinary care and attention, and shall provide for — suitable clothing, and pay for all such necessary articles of clothing as shall be procured for — by the steward of the asylum, and shall remove — from the asylum whenever the room occupied by — shall be required for a class of patients having preference by law, or in the opinion of the superintendent, to be received into said asylum; and if — should be removed at the request of — before the expiration of six calendar months after reception, then if such obligors shall pay board for twenty-six weeks, unless — should be sooner cured, and if they shall also pay not exceeding fifty dollars for all damages — may do to the furniture or other property of the asylum, and for reasonable charges in case of death; such payment for board and clothing to be made quarterly, in advance, from date of admission, and at the time of removal, with interest on each bill, from and after the time it becomes due, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in force.

Signed and sealed in presence of,

FORM OF ORDER, &C. FOR JUDGES.

I, A. B., one of the judges of the court of common pleas of the county of —, and state of New Jersey, do hereby report, that application has been made to me in behalf of C. D., a resident of the township of — in said county, alleged to be insane; (and in indigent circumstances, or a pauper, as the case may be), and that pursuant to an act of the legislature in such cases made and provided, I have called before me Dr. —, a respectable physician, and other credible witnesses, to wit, (state their names) and having examined them and fully investigated the case, and not deeming it necessary to call a jury, I do hereby decide and certify that satisfactory proof has been adduced before me, showing that the said C. D. to be an insane person, and that — has not sufficient estate or means to support — under said visitation of insanity.

Given under my hand at —, in the county and state aforesaid, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty—

A. B.

— county, ss.— I, A. B., being duly sworn according to law, do certify and declare that I have examined into the state of health and mental condition of C. D., of the township of — said county of — and that I am of opinion that — is insane.

A. B., Physician.

Sworn and subscribed before me this — day of — A. D. 185 —.

A. B., JUDGE, &C.

Endorse on certificate—“Approved”—A. B., and C. D., chosen freeholders of the township of —, and county of —.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }
— county, }

I, A. B., clerk of the county of —, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the report and certificate of — one of the judges of the court of common pleas of said county,

in the case of —, and also of the certificate of Dr. —, thereto appended, as filed in my office, that the foregoing is a true copy of the endorsement thereon, and that A. B. and C. D., whose names are signed to the said endorsement of approval are members of the board of chosen freeholders of said township in said county, and that said signatures are in their proper handwriting.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at —, this — day of —, A. D. 185 —.

[L. s.]

A. B. Clerk.

INDIGENT PERSONS,

Or those possessing but little property, and not paupers, are admitted to the asylum, and supported at the expense of the counties from which they are sent for three years, if not sooner cured, agreeably to section twenty-one of “Act to organize the asylum,” and section five of supplementary act, which are as follows:

SEC. 21. And be it enacted, That when a person in indigent circumstances, not a pauper, becomes insane, application may be made in his behalf to any two judges of the court of common pleas in the county where he resides; and said judges shall call two respectable physicians, and other credible witnesses, and fully investigate the facts of the case, and, either with or without the verdict of a jury, at their discretion, shall decide the case as to his insanity and indigence; and if the said judges unite in a certificate that satisfactory proof has been adduced showing him to be insane, and his estate insufficient to support him and his family (or if he has no family, himself) under the visitation of insanity, on their certificate, authenticated by the county clerk under the seal of the court, he shall be admitted into the asylum, and supported there at the expense of the county until he shall be restored to soundness of mind, if effected in three years; the said judges in such case shall have requisite power to compel the attendance of

witnesses or jurors, and shall file the certificate of the physicians, taken under oath, and other papers relating thereto, with a report of their proceedings and decision, with the clerk of the county, and report the fact to the board of chosen freeholders, whose duty it shall be, at their next annual meeting, to raise the money requisite to meet the expenses of support, and as soon thereafter as practicable, pay it to the treasurer of the asylum.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the investigation required by the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the act to which this is a supplement, to be made with the assistance of two respectable physicians, shall be sufficient, if made with the assistance of one such physician, whose certificate shall be sufficient; and that the application required to be made in the twenty-first section of the said act, to any two judges of the court of common pleas, shall be sufficient, if made to one such judge, as is therein mentioned, who shall be competent to discharge all the duties assigned to the two judges in said section mentioned.

Persons in indigent circumstances, who have been supported in the asylum by their friends for six months, may be continued therein at the public expense for one year, agreeably to the provisions of section twenty-second, as follows:

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That when an insane person, in indigent circumstances, shall have been sent to the asylum by his friends, who have paid his bills therein for six months, if the superintendent shall certify that he is a fit patient, and likely to be benefitted by remaining in the institution, the chosen freeholders of the county of his residence are authorised and required, upon an application under oath in his behalf, to raise a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of his remaining there a year, and pay the same to the treasurer of the asylum; and they shall repeat the same for two succeeding years, upon like application, and the production of a new certificate each year, of like import, from the superintendent.

PAUPER PATIENTS,

Are admitted on the order of a judge of the court of common pleas of the county, as directed in section twenty of act, and sections, second, third, fifth and sixth, of supplement, which are as follows:

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any pauper may be insane, it shall be the duty of the overseer of the poor in the township, wherein he resides to make application in his behalf, to any judge of the court of common pleas of the county: and said judge shall call two respectable physicians, and fully investigate the facts of the case; and if satisfied, after such examination, that the disease is of such a nature as may be cured, he shall issue an order to such overseer, requiring him, without delay, to take such insane pauper to the lunatic asylum, where he shall be kept and supported at the expense of the county in which is his residence, until he shall be restored, to soundness of mind, if effected in three years; the judge, in such case, shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and shall file the certificate of the physicians, taken under oath, and other papers relating thereto, and a report of the proceedings and decision, with the clerk of the county, who shall report the facts to the board of chosen freeholders, whose duty it shall be, at their next annual meeting, to raise the money requisite to meet the expenses of support, and, as soon thereafter as practicable, pay it to the treasurer of the asylum.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the judge to whom application shall be made on behalf of any insane pauper shall be satisfied, upon the examination of the case made in the manner prescribed in the twentieth section of the act to which this is a supplement, that such insane pauper cannot be provided for by the overseers of the poor of the township, or at the poorhouse of the township or county upon which he is chargeable, with comfort, and without danger or prejudice to himself or others, the said judge shall order the said pauper to be removed to the lunatic asylum, to be kept and supported

in the manner and for the time in the said twentieth section mentioned.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the board of chosen freeholders of the county upon which any insane person may be chargeable shall, at any regular or special meeting, request that such patient be continued at the lunatic asylum for a period of time beyond the three years mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, the said patient shall be kept and supported at the asylum for such period of time at the expense of the said county, to be raised and paid in the manner prescribed by the said act; *provided*, that the said board of chosen freeholders may at any time revoke the said request; and further, that such patient may be discharged or sent back to the overseers of the poor, or the poorhouse of the township or county whence he came, in the manner and for the reasons mentioned in the thirty-sixth section of the said act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the investigation required by the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the act to which this is a supplement, to be made with the assistance of two respectable physicians, shall be sufficient if made with the assistance of one such physician, whose certificate shall be sufficient; and that the application required, to be made in the twenty-first section of the said act, to any two judges of the court of common pleas, shall be sufficient, if made to one such judge, as is therein mentioned, who shall be competent to discharge all the duties assigned to the two judges in said section mentioned.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in all such cases as are provided for in the twentieth section of the act to which this is a supplement, a certificate from the clerk of the county, under his official seal, that such order has been issued, as is mentioned in said section, shall be sent with the pauper, and filed by the superintendent of the asylum.

The attention of all township and county officers is requested to the provision of section twenty-six of act, as follows:

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That all town and county offi-

cers, sending a patient to the asylum, shall before sending him, see that he is in a state of perfect bodily cleanliness, and is comfortably clothed and provided with suitable changes of raiment, as prescribed in the by-laws.

CRIMINAL PATIENTS,

Or those acquitted of criminal charges on the ground of insanity, and those under indictment, &c., may be sent to the asylum, agreeably to the provisions of sections twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, and twenty-ninth of act, and section seventh of supplement, which are as follows:

SEC. 27. *And be it enacted*, That when a person shall have escaped indictment, or have been acquitted of a criminal charge upon trial, on the ground of insanity, upon the plea pleaded of insanity or otherwise, the court, being certified by the jury, or otherwise of the fact, shall carefully inquire and ascertain whether his insanity in any degree continues, and if it does, shall order him in safe custody, and to be sent to the asylum; the county from which he is sent shall defray all his expenses while there, and of sending him back, if returned; but the county may recover the amount so paid from his own estate if he has any, or from any relative, township, city, or county that would have been bound to provide for and maintain him elsewhere.

SEC. 28. *And be it enacted*, That if any person in confinement under indictment or under sentence of imprisonment, or for want of bail for good behavior, or for keeping the peace or appearing as a witness, or in consequence of any summary conviction, or by order of any justice, or under any other than civil process, shall appear to be insane, the judge of the circuit court of the county where he is confined, shall institute a careful investigation, call two respectable physicians and other credible witnesses, invite the prosecutor of the pleas to aid in the examination, and if he shall deem it necessary, shall call a jury, and for that purpose is fully empowered to compel

the attendance of witnesses and jurors; and if it be satisfactorily proved that he is insane, said judge may discharge him from imprisonment, and order his safe custody and removal to the asylum, where he shall remain until restored to his right mind; and then if the said judge shall have so directed, the superintendent shall inform the said judge and the county clerk, and the prosecutor of the pleas thereof, whereupon he shall be remanded to prison, and criminal proceedings be resumed, or otherwise discharged; the provisions of the last preceding section, requiring the county to defray the expenses of a patient sent to the asylum, shall be equally applicable to similar expenses arising under this section and the one next following.

SEC. 29. *And be it enacted*, That persons charged with misdemeanors, and acquitted on the ground of insanity may be kept in custody, and sent to the asylum, in the same way as persons charged with crimes.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the words "under sentence of imprisonment," in the twenty-eighth section of the act to which this is a supplement, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 23d, relating to the admission of insane prisoners from the state prison, is repealed.

SUPPLEMENT OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO, RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF TOWNSHIPS, IN THE CASE OF PAUPER AND INDIGENT INSANE.

SEC. 1. *BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and general Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That when an investigation of a case of lunacy shall be made by one judge and one physician, pursuant to the fifth section of the supplement to the act entitled "An act to authorise the establishment of the New Jersey Lunatic Asylum;" approved March the ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, they shall present their certificate and proceedings to the two chosen freeholders of the township in which the lunatic is found, who shall examine the same; and if satisfied that the said lunatic has a legal settlement in their

county, as defined by the act entitled "An Act for the settlement and relief of the poor," approved April the tenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and is entitled to the relief afforded by the act to which this is a supplement, and the supplement thereto, shall endorse the word "approved," upon said certificate and proceedings, and shall sign their official names thereto.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said certificate and proceedings, endorsed as aforesaid, shall be filed with the clerk of the county, and authenticated by him, as provided by the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the act to which this is a supplement; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the chosen freeholders of said county to provide for the expenses of the support of said lunatic, and to pay the amount thereof, as soon as practicable, to the treasurer of the asylum.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if said chosen freeholders shall not approve of sending such lunatics to the asylum at the expense of the county, they shall endorse on said certificate and proceedings the words "not approved," and shall sign their official names thereto, and the same shall then be filed with the clerk of the board of chosen freeholders; and said lunatic shall not be admitted to the asylum at the expense of the county.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if there be by law but one chosen freeholder in any township, or if one of two chosen freeholders be dead or incapable of acting by reason of sickness or otherwise, the same duties hereinbefore required to be performed by two chosen freeholders, may be, and are hereby required to be performed by one chosen freeholder, and his acts in the premises shall have the same validity as the acts of two.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 20th, 1852.

COUNTIES LIABLE FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AND INDIGENT.

So much of the act organizing the asylum as authorises the counties or the treasurer of the asylum to recover from townships or cities the expenses of maintaining patients sent to the asylum, by virtue of the order of any judge or court, was repealed by supplement of March 1st, 1850.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That if any county treasurer shall not approve of sending such inmates to the asylum at the expense of the county, they shall submit on said certificate and proceedings the words "not approved" and shall sign their official names thereto, and the same shall then be filed with the clerk of the board of chosen freeholders; and said inmate shall not be admitted to the asylum at the expense of the county.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That if there be by law two chosen freeholders in any township, or if one of two chosen freeholders be dead or incapable of acting by reason of sickness or otherwise, the same duties heretofore required to be performed by two chosen freeholders may be and are hereby required to be performed by one chosen freeholder, and his vote in the premises shall have the same validity as the usual vote.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That all acts and portions of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 20th, 1850.