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THE LEGISLATURE,

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STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1838.**

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# EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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**No. 19.**

**HOUSE.**

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*To the Honorable the Governor and Council of the State of Maine.*

The undersigned, Agent for the erection of an Insane Hospital, for the State of Maine, would respectfully ask leave to present the following

## R E P O R T :

I received my appointment March 29, 1837, and in pursuance of its duties, proceeded to inform myself of the operations of the former agent.

The lot, containing about seventy acres, had been purchased—excavations for the cellar had been made, and the cellar wall carried up ready to receive the stone and brick work for the basement story—water fountains prepared—aqueducts and drains laid—also considerable quantities of lumber on hand, and considerable progress made in grading the grounds near the site of the building.

Contracts had been made by my predecessor, for the bricks, the ashlers, and other stone work, (columns and hammered work for the portico excepted,) for laying all the brick and stone in the walls of the building; also fitting ashlers, and hammering stone, and in addition to the above, for furnishing various descriptions of lumber.

Contracts have been made by me for four granite columns, and hammered work for the portico.

The centre building and wings are 262 feet long; the centre building is 82 feet in length, 46 feet wide, 4 stories high, besides the basement and attic, having a chapel in the attic 80 by 40. The wings are 90 feet long in front, and 100 in the rear, 38 feet wide, and 3 stories high, divided into 126 rooms, 120 of which are designed for patients, the remaining, 6 for water closets and other purposes, with halls between the rooms 12 feet wide running

the entire length of each wing and communicating with the dining rooms in the centre building.

The centre building has been carried up the past season nearly two stories, the south wing full two, and the north one something more ; and here permit me to add, that the well known qualifications as an architect of Capt. Lord the superintendent, and the great care and attention, required by him of the contractors, is sufficient surety that the building thus far has been constructed in the most thorough, and satisfactory manner.

Large quantities of earth have been removed in front and rear of the building, in part grading the grounds, and securing the cellar from heavy rains.

Although the building could not easily be secured by a tight roof in its unfinished state, yet the walls have been covered by a temporary one; and as they are firmly based upon a solid ledge, it is believed the building is well prepared to withstand the frosts, even of a Kennebec winter.

There are nearly bricks enough delivered upon the ground to complete the building ; the cast iron window sashes and ventilators have also been procured, the timber for the roof has been delivered on the lot, and that for the floors nearly so ; and ashlers and other stone sufficient to enable the contractors to commence operations, as early the coming Spring as the season will permit.

A large and commodious workshop has been erected the past year, in which there are from eight to ten joiners, who are advantageously employed the present winter, in preparing window frames, sashes, doors, &c. to be in readiness if wanted the coming summer. It was deemed important by the superintendent and myself, to have these in progress this winter, if the building is to be completed the current year.

It may be proper to state that we have been honored by a committee of three very intelligent gentlemen from the State of New York, with instructions to view and take plans of this asylum, in connection with others, with reference to the erection of one of a similar character, in their own State ; and not unsatisfactory to know, that these gentlemen, and also many others from other sections of the Union, whom I have had the pleasure of meeting at this institution, have expressed great satisfaction with the materials and management of the building, and the unrivalled beauty of its situation and scenery.

Annexed is a statement of the expenditures to the present time and also estimates to complete the building.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

**JOHN H. HARTWELL.**

AUGUSTA, Jan. 3, 1838.

### ESTIMATES

*Of the whole cost of the Building for an Insane Hospital for the State of Maine, January, 1838.*

Paid for Plan of Worcester Asylum,	75
Disbursements of former Agent, (R. Williams, Esq.)	10,284 92
Purchase of Lot of Hoyt and Toby,	4,004 17
Bills paid and advanced on contracts by the present Agent,	28,813 56
	43,177 65
<i>Balances due for work done, and materials delivered on contracts, &amp;c.</i>	
R. F. Hall, on contract for stone,	135
J. Tremble & Co, laying bricks and stone,	160
Isaiah Getchell, " window sills,	252 40
Henry Davenport, " brick,	1,294 73
J. E. Morrell, lumber,	16 93
Nehemiah Turner, do,	848 25
J. D. Lord, (Superintendent), own services and son's work, and Joiner's balance due, say	1,000
Bill of window pullies, (Fairbanks, Loring & Co.)	75
Wm K. Weston, Thompson & Stanwood, Wm. Kittredge, T. W. Smith & Co, Allen Lambert, and Martin Carroll's bills outstanding, say	100
	3,862 38

#### *Estimates for future operations.*

R. F. Hall, to finish contract for stone,	1,500
Allard & Campbell, fitting ashlers,	750
Henry Davenport, 100 M. of brick,	460
James Tremble & Co, laying stone and brick,	2,000
J. E. Morrell, lumber,	125
Columns, portico and cornice,	2,600

Setting up columns, entablature, flooring of portico,	250
Pointing the building,	410
Slating the same,	1,425
Iron railing for steps, &c,	387
Foundation for steps,	90
Cutting copeing,	180
Fitting stone tops for chimnies,	70
Copper gutters and conductors,	456
Lead, 2500 lbs,	200
Glass and glazing,	1,102
Pine lumber, \$1000, hard pine for floors \$2000, mahogany for stairs, \$20,	3,020
Plastering \$3000, paint and painting \$1000,	4,000
3000lbs iron castings, \$225; furnaces and fixtures, \$1600.	1,825
Hardware, fire-frames, marble chimney pieces, &c,	1,945
Finishing 6 water-closets and tanks,	600
Joiner work,	6,000
Laborers and ox work,	545 04
Contingent expenses,	3,000
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	32,940 04

\$80,000 07  
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Cost of the building, as per foregoing estimate,

*Already paid by the State and donors, to wit:*

Lot of Land, containing about 70 acres, and a plan of Worcester Asylum,	4,079 17
To R. Williams, Esq. Warrants on Treasurer, Rents, and by him expended as former Agent,	10,284 92
To the present Agent, Warrants on Treasurer, Rents, &c.	22,391 23
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	36,755 32

Balance wanting to finish the building per estimate,

\$43,244 68

State of Maine to John H. Hartwell, Agent---Dr.

1838.

January 29. To bills paid and advances on contracts, for materials, labor &c. as per receipts,

28,813 56

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January 29. By Warrants on Treasurer in 1837,

22,207 39

“ Rents, sand sold, &c.

183 84

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22,391 23

Balance wanting, for which there is no appropriation,

6,422 33

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28,813 56

The Agent from the foregoing statement would appear to be in advance for the State,	6,422 33
But he has received from R. Williams, Esq. one of the donors, for which he has given his receipt,	2,500 00
Also, from the State Treasurer per receipt,	600 00
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	3,100 00

Leaving a balance advanced by the Agent of \$3,322 22

Should it be deemed advisable to complete the building in 1838, which I apprehend there will be no difficulty in accomplishing, it will become necessary, that there be an appropriation by the Legislature at the present session, to meet the balance of the above estimate of \$43,244 68.

But should the present condition of the finances of the State be considered a sufficient reason for deferring until another year the completion of an institution, so creditable to our State, and to the individuals who are its donors, it will no doubt be a result deeply regretted by every one, whose sympathies are interested in that unfortunate class of beings for whose benefit this Asylum is intended.

True economy and necessity, however, will at least require the completion of the exterior of the building, the ensuing season, which, with what is due for services performed, materials delivered, and advances by Agent, &c, will amount as follows:

Due as per schedule, of services performed, and materials delivered,	3,882 35
Advanced by Agent,	3,322 33
R. Williams advanced to Agent,	2,500 00
Agents' receipts to Treasurer not on warrant,	600 00
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	6,422 33
Estimates to complete outside,	19,185 00
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	\$29,489 64

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, February 13, 1838.

THE Committee to which was recommitted the report on the report and accounts of the superintendent of the Insane Hospital, ask leave to

### REPORT :

THAT on the 8th of March, 1834, the Legislature appropriated twenty thousand dollars for the establishment of an Insane Hospital, which was to be taken from the proceeds of the public lands. During the year 1835, three thousand dollars were drawn from the Treasury, under that appropriation, for the purchase of the site on which the building is being erected ; and also seventy-five dollars for the purchase of a plan of the Worcester Asylum. This appropriation was virtually repealed by the appropriation Act of April 4, 1836.

Reuel Williams, Esq. was appointed Superintendent, March 15, 1836, and on the 4th of the next month there was appropriated the sum of eight thousand dollars for the same purpose, six thousand of which was duly drawn in favor of Mr. Williams, Sept. 23, 1836, and the remainder on the seventh of the following December. January 26, 1837, the Legislature appropriated two thousand dollars ; and on the 23d of the following March, twenty-two thousand, nine hundred and seventy-five dollars. These sums were in part expended by Mr. Williams ; a warrant was drawn in his favor, Feb. 3, 1837, for one thousand seven hundred, sixty-three dollars and forty-four cents ; and another on the 29th of the following March, for the balance expended by him, being four hundred, twenty-one dollars and forty-eight cents, on which day Mr. Williams resigned his appointment, and John H. Hartwell, Esq. was appointed in his place.

At the appointment of Mr. Hartwell, there remained an unexpended balance in the Treasury of twenty-two thousand, seven hundred, ninety dollars and eight cents. It appears that from this sum, on the 23d of June last, were drawn one thousand, four dollars and seventeen cents in favor of Elias Toby, for land purchased by the Executive for the Hospital ; leaving a balance in



the Treasury of twenty-one thousand, seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and ninety-one cents, to be expended on the building.

The Governor drew warrants in favor of Mr. Hartwell, March 31, 1837, for six thousand dollars ; June 24th, for twelve thousand dollars, and August 16, 1837, for four thousand, two hundred and seven dollars and thirty-nine cents; in the whole, twenty-two thousand, two hundred, seven dollars and thirty-nine cents, being four hundred, twenty-one dollars and forty-eight cents more than was appropriated by law.

In addition to what he has received from the Treasury, Mr. Hartwell credits the State with one hundred and eighty-three dollars and eighty four cents for rent of land and materials sold; making in the whole, twenty-two thousand, three hundred, ninety-one dollars and twenty-three cents, which has properly come to his hands for expenditure on the building.

Mr. Hartwell, including five hundred dollars for his personal services, has charged in his account (which is correctly cast and well vouched) the sum of twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-six cents; which sum is six thousand, four hundred, twenty-two dollars and thirty-three cents more than has come legally into his hands—and is six thousand, eight hundred, forty three dollars and eighty-one cents more than has been appropriated for that purpose.

It appears from the account, however, that Mr. Hartwell has received from the Treasury, informally, and without warrant, six hundred dollars, for which he gave the late Treasurer his receipt, and has also received of R. Williams, Esq., one of the donors, twenty-five hundred dollars; which sums will reduce his advance for the State, to three thousand, three hundred, twenty-two dollars, and thirty-three cents.

Your Committee cannot withhold the remark, that the over-drawing of the appropriation, and the advance from the Treasury after the appropriation had been expended were transactions dangerous in practice, and contrary to the express provision of the Constitution.—And while we are sensible of the difficulty of keeping the expenditures precisely within the limits of the appropriations, we are constrained to observe that no circumstances sufficiently imperative have been suggested to us to justify an expenditure so much larger than was contemplated by the Legislature, whose determination on the subject ought to have been of paramount authority.

The whole amount that has been appropriated including three thousand seventy five dollars drawn from the twenty thousand dollars first appropriated is thirty six thousand fifty dollars.

According to the estimate of the superintendent nineteen thousand one hundred and eighty five dollars over and above what has been already laid out, will be required to finish the outside of the building—and forty three thousand two hundred and forty four dollars and sixty cents to complete it according to the original plan.

The committee recommend that the balance being six thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars and thirty three cents which appears to be due to John H. Hartwell be carried to a new account and this account settled accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. W. HINKLEY, Per order.

In Council, Feb. 13, 1838—Read and accepted.

Attest SAMUEL P. BENSON, Sec'y. of State.

A true copy—Attest.

SAMUEL P. BENSON, Sec'y. of State.

## STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, Providing for the completion of the exterior of the Insane Hospital, and to cancel present liabilities.

RESOLVED, That there be paid out of the State Treasury, a sum not exceeding twenty-nine-thousand, five hundred dollars, to discharge present liabilities, and to complete the outside of said Insane Hospital.

## STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
FEB. 28, 1838.

The foregoing Report and Resolve were laid on the table and 300 copies ordered to be printed.

(Extract from the Journal.)

GEO. C. GETCHELL, Clerk.