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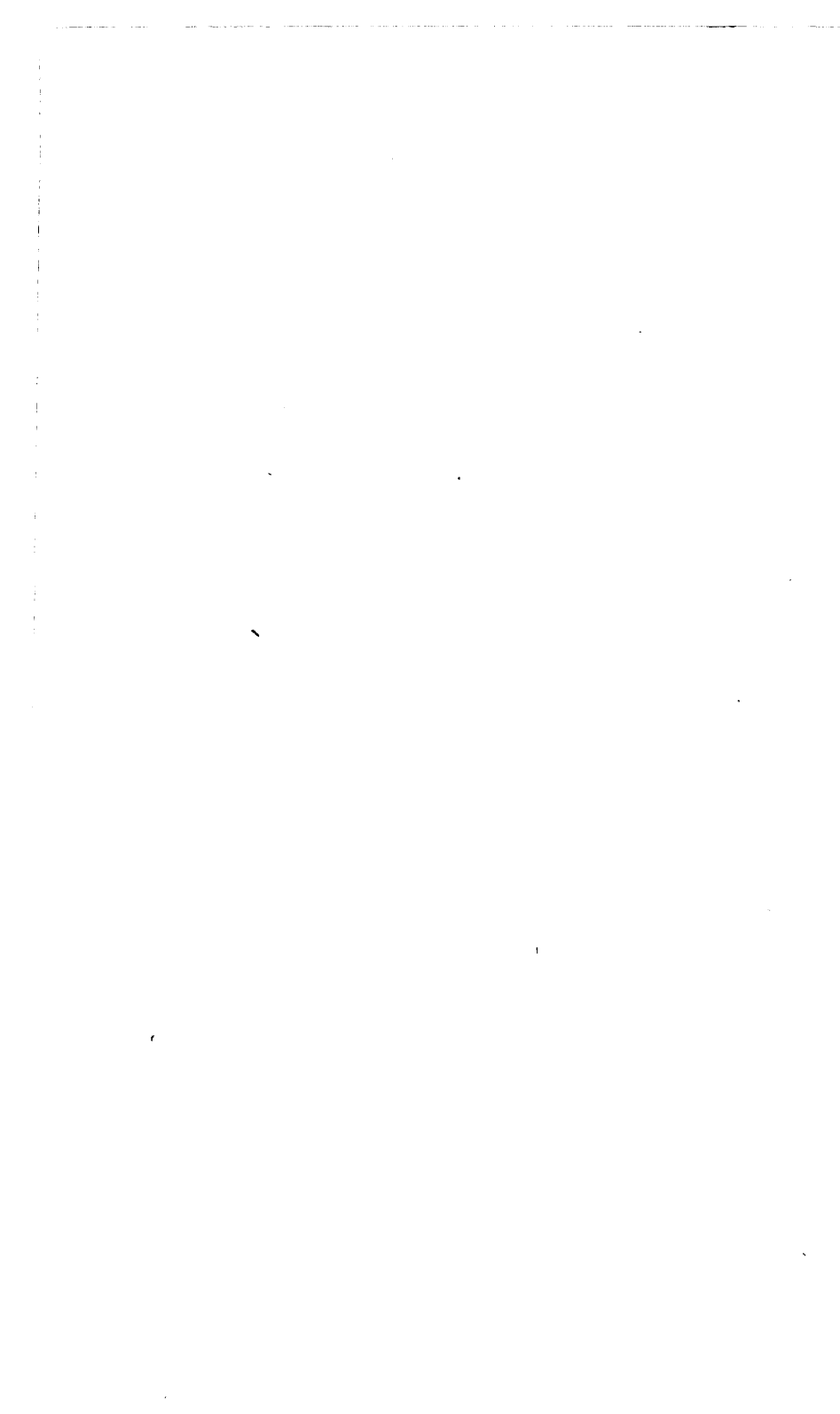
OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

IN RELATION TO THE

INSANE HOSPITAL.

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REPORT.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to which was re-committed the Report on the Insane Hospital, with instructions to report a statement of facts, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to

REPORT,

That on the 8th day of March, 1834, there was appropriated by the Legislature the sum of \$20,000 for the establishment of an Insane Hospital, on condition that a like sum of \$20,000 be raised by individual donations, towards erecting and maintaining the same.

During the year 1835, \$3,075 were drawn from the Treasury, under that appropriation, for the purchase of the site on which the building is being erected, and a plan of the Worcester Asylum. This appropriation was virtually repealed by the appropriation act of April 4, 1836, and on March 1, 1836, a resolve for the appointment of an Agent to superintend the erection of an Insane Hospital, was passed. (See chapter 30, page 36, of the Resolves for 1836.)

Reuel Williams, Esq., was appointed Agent, March 15, 1836, and on the 4th of the next month there was appropriated the sum of \$3,000 for the same purpose—six thousand of which was duly drawn in favor of Mr. Williams, Sept. 23, 1836, and the remainder on the 7th of the

following Dec. Jan. 26, 1837, the Legislature appropriated \$2,000—and on the 23d of the following March, \$22,975. These sums were in part expended by Mr. Williams. A warrant was drawn in his favor, Feb. 3, 1837, for \$1,763.44, and another on the following March, for the balance expended by him, being \$421.48, on which day Mr. Williams resigned his appointment, and John H. Hartwell was appointed in his place.

At the appointment of Mr. Hartwell, there remained an unexpended balance in the Treasury of \$22,790.08 cents. It appears that from this sum, on the 23d of June, were drawn \$1,004.17 cts., in favor of Elias Toby, for land purchased by the Executive for the Hospital, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$21,785.91, to be expended on the building. The Governor drew warrants in favor of Mr. Hartwell, March 31, 1837, for \$6,000—June 24, for \$12,000—and August 16, 1837, for \$4,207.39 cts.

Your Committee find by the Report of Mr. Hartwell, in January, 1838, that the whole amount expended at that time was \$47,060.03 cts.; of this sum there had been paid by the State, and donors, by warrants on the Treasury, rents, &c. \$36,755.32, leaving a balance of \$10,304.71, to be provided for. On the 20th March, 1838, the Legislature appropriated \$29,500.00, to pay outstanding debts, and finish the exterior of the building. This sum has been expended in part by Mr. Hartwell, and the balance, \$24,751.32, by Mr. Charles Keen, who was appointed Agent, April 21st, 1838. There was, on 31st Dec. 1838, due to different individuals for materials delivered and labor performed, \$4,545.50 cts., for the payment of which, and to complete the building, according to the following estimate, it will require an appropriation of \$25,000.

ESTIMATE.

To pay outstanding debts,	\$4,545.50
To finish painting the building,	150.00
Iron railing to steps, &c.	387.00
White pine lumber for finishing,	1,000.00
Hard pine for floors—Mahogany for stairs,	3,047.50
Plastering,	3,000.00
Painting,	1,000.00
Furnaces and fixtures, and other castings,	1,825.00
Hard-ware, fire frames, marble chimney pieces, &c.	1,945.00
Finishing six water closets and tanks,	600.00
Joiner work,	4,000.00
Laborers and Ox work,	500.00
Contingent expenses,	3,000.00
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	\$25,000.00

 RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount paid by the State and donors is as follows :

In 1835,	\$3,075 00
April 4th, 1836, there was appropriated,	8,000 00
Jan. 26th, 1837, “ “ “	2,000 00
March 23d, “ “ “ “	22,975 00
March 20, 1836, “ “ “	29,500 00
Rent of Land, &c.,	400 62
Amount overdrawn,	421 48
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	\$66,372 10

Total amount paid by State and donors, of which the donors have paid as follows :

The Hon. Reuel Williams,	\$7,500
Benjamin Brown,	4,000
	—————\$11,500 00

Leaving the amount actually paid by the State, \$54,872 10

Your Committee would here remark that they are unable to find any original estimate of the probable cost of the establishment; but that the Resolve of March 1st, 1836, authorized the Governor and Council to appoint an Agent to make contracts and erect a Hospital and other buildings suitable for the accommodation of a Superintendent and one hundred Lunatic persons, furiously mad, agreeable to a plan of the most recent approved models for such an institution.

It appears by the Agent's Report in January, 1838, that the estimated cost of the building was \$80,000; deduct from this sum the amount already paid by the State and donors, and the sum required to finish the building according to this estimate would be \$13,627 90. But your Committee find upon consultation with the architect, that this estimate was too low, and that it will require the sum of \$25,000 to pay the outstanding debts and complete the building, as before stated.

J. T. P. DUMONT, *Chairman.*

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out
2 of the Treasury, the sum of twenty-five thou-
3 sand dollars to complete the Insane Hospital;
4 and the Governor with advice of Council, is
5 hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the
6 Treasury for the same.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 7, 1839.

ORDERED, That 1000 copies of this Report and Resolve be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary.*