Elkton Decem. 14th 1837 –

Dear Sir:

I have received yours of the 3rd instant and have since learned that insane paupers are provided for by Act of Assembly and a place secured for them by some regulation between the Maryland Hospital; all the law I can find which may be considered directly bearing on the point is contained in the Act of Assembly of December Session 1817, passed January 31st 1818 chapter 78, which runs thus: "that on the certification of a "majority of the board of trustees of the poor of any "county of this state, the levy court of the county "where the case may occur, may in their discretion "cause the said lunatic pauper to be removed to "the ~~lunatic~~ Maryland Hospital.

"And be it enacted that the Levy court of the "county are hereby directed to levy such sum of money "on the assessable property of said county as will "defray the expences incident to the removal of such "lunatic pauper to the Maryland Hospital and "the expences that may be incurred during his or "stay in said hospital, provided the said expences "do not exceed 100 $ pr year. thereat."

The boy has been taken from his residence at Elizabeth Elias's to the poor-house of this county

meet:

Dr. Thos. Thompson
Cambridge Md.
Dr
Wm. Worthington
13th Decem 1837

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