

File No. 26052 Continued.

residents of that part of Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, which, by Chapter 82 of the Act of 1918, became a part of Baltimore City (as of January 1st, 1919) took up the question as to whether the City or the County would be responsible for the board and treatment of such persons after the Annexation Act became effective.

On August 7th, the former City Solicitor advised the Secretary to the Board of Supervisors of City Charities that inmates of State Hospitals for the Insane, who have been placed there, or may be placed there, prior to December 31st, 1918, would continue to be wards of the County, even though they were residents of the annexed territory at the time of their commitment. By this, I understand that all persons committed to these State Institutions prior to December 31st, 1918, from that part of Baltimore or Arundel Counties which was annexed to Baltimore City, continued to be a charge upon Baltimore County, or Anne Arundel County, as the case may be, notwithstanding the fact that the place of residence of the person committed became, and is now, a part of Baltimore City. I cannot agree to this construction of the Law.

Section 8 of the Annexation Act (Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1918) places "all persons resident and property situate" within the territory annexed to Baltimore subject to the City's jurisdiction for purposes of taxation, and Section 15, of the same Act, provides that all inhabitants of the territory annexed to Baltimore "shall, in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdiction and authority vested by law, in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore"; that "the territory so annexed shall, in all respects, be taken and considered as a part of said City of Baltimore". Section 8 of the Act provides that the obligations of performing every governmental or municipal function, heretofore performed by the County Commissioners, or other public officials in the annexed territory, shall pass to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or other public officials of Baltimore, beginning January 1st, 1919, and that Baltimore County "shall be thereafter relieved therefrom".