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to the danger of some, the alarm of many and the regret of all - Yet Canada induces from your Committee the remark that such exhibitions of human frailty and wretchedness in the streets of Baltimore is not attributable to the want of suitable preventative and legal provision on this subject, but to the error or neglect of those charged with the execution of those provisions -

Persons of the above description who are destitute of the means of defraying the expense of their maintenance, are fit objects of the public alms, and are entitled to receive preservation and support at the Poor house of Baltimore County, to which establishment the City contributes in equal proportion with any other part of the County -

To appropriate the funds of this Corporation to the exclusive support of lunatics would in the opinion of your Committee be unwise and unjust to the inhabitants of the City by imposing on them the whole of an expense in which the inhabitants of the County are bound by the long established laws on the subject to participate, and ought to share, especially as many of the above persons come into the City from some part of the neighboring County -

The admission into the Hospital of persons of the above description who defray the expense of their support is your Committee believe a prudent measure and ought to be continued, those who are unable to bear the expense of their support, may and ought to find relief in the Alms house of Baltimore County

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To the Mayor of the City of Baltimore

Sir, In compliance with your request to

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report to you the state of the City Hospital, I have the honor to represent - That as soon as the hospital was in sufficient readiness to receive patients, which was in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine, the then Collector Robert Purviance Esq. made application on behalf of the United States to the board of Health for the admission therein of sick & disabled seamen, as the United States had no hospital at this port for the reception of Marine Sick, and Mr Purviance proposed to pay all their hospital expenses, The Board through Courtesy agreed to admit them on the following terms - The Board were to furnish all supplies for the sailors on the best terms they could, medicine & Physicians attendance excepted, an account was to be furnished the Collector quarterly of those supplies accompanied with proper vouchers: The Collector was likewise to pay the Salary of the Superintendent which was fixed at six hundred dollars except such proportionable part of said salary as would be just for the City to pay, for any City patients that might be therein - By this arrangement no benefit was contemplated for the City except some saving in the Superintendants Salary - This arrangement hath since continued without interruption until some time in May last, when Gabriel Christie the present Collector made a proposition to the board stating that he wished a change in the mode that had been pursued and requested the board to state the lowest possible terms for which they would supply the sailors per head per diem including Physicians attendance, medicine & every thing else - The Board after due deliberation thereon returned for answer, that they must decline taking upon themselves the responsibility & additional services contemplated in the plan proposed by him, and for which the City would receive no advantage whatever