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REFERENCES.

1. Centre Building. 2. Front Wings. 3. Lateral Wings. 4. Porticos. 5. Solitaries. 6. Wash and Store Rooms. a. Front Portico. A. Entrance. B. Hall. C. Parlours. D. Office. E. Dining Room. G. Patients Dining Rooms. H. Halls. J. Rooms for Patients. K. Attendants Rooms. L. Sink and Bath Rooms. M. Passages. O. Water Closets. F. Wash Room. Q. Store Room. R. Passage to Solitaries. S. Enclosed Area, 2200 square feet. T. Arched Passage Way. U. Proposed Chapel.

The Centre Building is four stories and a basement: the Wings are three stories and basements. The arrangement of rooms is alike in each.

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IN SENATE, March 18th, 1857.

Ordered, That the several Annual Reports of the State Lunatic Hospital, accompanied with such other documents in relation to that Institution as may be deemed proper, be reprinted under the direction of the Clerk of the Senate.

Attest:

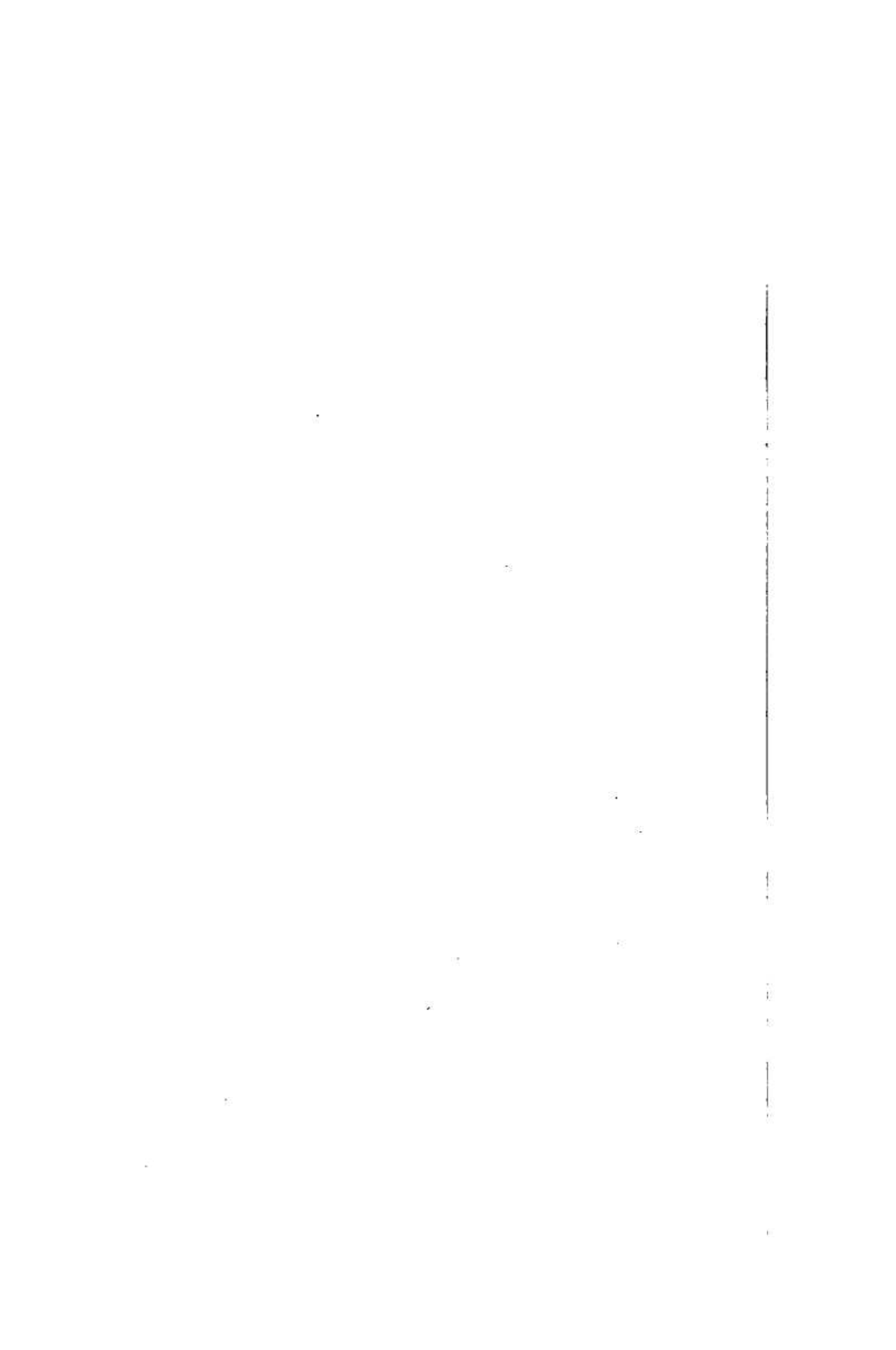
CHAS. CALHOUN, Clerk.

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STATE
LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

On the 23d February, 1829, Mr. MANN of Dedham, in behalf of a Committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to consider the subject, reported Orders for the appointment of a Committee "to examine and ascertain the practicability and expediency of erecting or procuring, at the expense of the Commonwealth, an asylum for the safe keeping of lunatics, and persons furiously mad," and requiring the selectmen of the several towns to ascertain, and make returns to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of "the number, age, sex and color, of all persons reputed to be lunatics and furiously mad belonging to their respective towns, and whether at large or in confinement, and *where* and *how* long confined,"—which Orders were subsequently adopted by the House, and Messrs. Mann, Loud of Dorchester, and Denny of Leicester, were appointed to constitute said Committee.

On the 7th January, 1830, the Secretary communicated to the House of Representatives the returns which had been received in his office, in pursuance of the Order above stated, which returns were referred to Messrs. Mann of Dedham, Loud of Dorchester, Strong of Pittsfield, Oliver of Boston, and Frothingham of Newburyport. On the 25th January, this Committee reported a Resolve for the erection of a Lunatic Hospital, which was subsequently recommitted, and on the 13th February, Mr. Mann, in behalf of the Committee, submitted the following Report, viz :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 13th, 1830.

The Committee to whom was recommitted a Report on the subject of providing some suitable place for the accommodation of lunatics

and persons furiously mad, with instructions, &c., having considered that subject, ask leave to

REPORT:

That returns have been received from one hundred and fourteen towns, comprising less than half the population of this Commonwealth, that in twenty-five of those towns there are no persons of that description; that in the remaining *eighty-nine* towns there are *two hundred and eighty-nine* lunatics, or persons furiously mad, that *one hundred and sixty-one* of that number are now in confinement in the following places, viz: in poor houses and houses of industry, *seventy-eight*; in private houses, *thirty-seven*; in jails and houses of correction, *nineteen*; in insane hospitals, *ten*; place of confinement not specifically stated, *seventeen*;—that in addition to these individuals, it is well known there are at least *sixty* confined in the Insane Hospital in Charlestown; but some of these may be inhabitants of other states;—that the length of the time of confinement of *twenty-six* is not stated, but that *twenty-nine* have been confined less than one year.

13 have been confined from 1 to 2 years.

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