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J. W. F. ...
SENATE...No. 8.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To His Excellency HENRY J. GARDNER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the Honorable Council:—

The Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital, at Northampton, submit the following

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R E P O R T :

After their appointment, one of the first subjects which claimed their attention was the extent of their powers, and of course of their duty, as to the building for the hospital which is in process of erection. After a careful examination of the acts of the legislature bearing upon the question, they became satisfied that the superintendence of the building had been intrusted, exclusively, to the commissioners appointed for that purpose; and they have, therefore, forbore any interference with that trust. They entertained no doubt, however, that the care of the real estate, connected with the hospital, properly belonged to themselves.

Upon inquiry they found that the management of the farm had been undertaken by S. S. Standley, Esq., one of the commissioners, and in consequence of the late period in the season at which they received their commissions, they deemed it expedient to request Mr. Standley to continue in the management, to which he consented. His account is annexed to this Report.

The receipts from the farm during the present year are not to be considered a test of its productiveness, as little has been done upon it, more than was necessary to preserve the crops growing on the land.

The site of the hospital is excellent, and in natural beauty the scenery about it can hardly be surpassed; but though the commissioners have availed themselves of the advantages of the situation in a judicious manner, yet after the building is completed, much will remain to be done before the objects contemplated by the legislature can be realized. Much labor will be required for the removal of the earth about the north-westerly angle of the building, at which point the foundation is sunk several feet below the surface of the soil; avenues and walks are to be opened, and planted with shade trees and shrubbery; fences are to be made or repaired; a suitable portion of the land is to be prepared and inclosed for the use and convenience of the inmates; stock and farming utensils are to be provided; and the necessary furniture for the hospital is to be purchased and placed in the building.

The attractiveness of the place, and in some degree even the usefulness of the institution, will depend upon the manner in which the grounds are laid out and arranged. The Trustees have been desirous of fixing upon some general plan of improvements, which can be gradually carried out, in part, it is hoped, by the voluntary labor of the patients. With this object in view, a majority of them have visited several similar institutions; they have also consulted a gentleman of taste and experience in this department, who has examined the grounds, and aided them by his suggestions and advice, but they have not found it necessary to decide upon the details of the plan, as they had not the funds necessary to commence its execution.

The Trustees take the liberty to submit an estimate of the amount of money which in their judgment ought to be expended during the ensuing season, the expenditure of a large part of which will be required before the hospital can be opened for the reception of patients.

CHARLES B. FORBES,
HOBACE LYMAN,
ELIPHALET FRANK.

NORTHAMPTON, December 24, 1856.

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ESTIMATE BY TRUSTEES.

Fencing farm,	\$3,000 00
3 horses,	150 00
2 pair oxen,	350 00
1 ox cart,	80 00
1 horse cart,	50 00
1 two horse wagon,	125 00
1 one horse wagon,	100 00
1 buggy wagon,	100 00
5 harnesses,	90 00
Ploughs, harrows, chains, shovels, hoes, forks, rakes, wheelbarrows, &c.,	155 00
20 cows, at \$40,	800 00
Hay and grain for teams,	600 00
To pay for farm labor,	2,500 00
Horses and carriages for hospital,	1,500 00
Salary for superintendent, assistants, and help,	3,000 00
Grading grounds and making roads,	6,000 00
Gas fixtures and gas,	3,500 00
Crockery and cutlery,	3,000 00
House furnishing goods for superintendent, assist- ants and help,	4,000 00
Furnishing 150 rooms for patients, at \$20,	3,000 00
" 100 " " " " 15,	1,500 00
" halls,	5,000 00
500 tons coal, at \$8,	4,000 00
For contingencies,	5,600 00
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	\$48,500 00

Trustees of the Northampton Insane Hospital in account with
S. S. STANDLEY.

Credit for moneys received:—	
June 1, for 5 loads gravel,	\$0 30
7, for 2 months, rent of shanty,	4 00
11, for grass,	15 00
July 7, for pasturing,	15 75
for grass,	20 00
for land rent of mill,	13 00
for lot of grass,	15 00
for pasturing,	10 50
Sept. 18, for pasturing,	6 00
for potatoes,	10 00
for rent of house,	50 00
31, for rent of shanty,	8 00
Nov. 1, for rent of shanty,	2 00
for pasturing,	8 25
for potatoes and apples,	5 91
for land rent,	5 00
for land rent,	6 00
for rent of shanty,	2 00
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	\$196 71

Bills due for land rent,	\$20 00
house rent,	37 50
land rent,	13 00
apples and potatoes,	3 00
apples and potatoes,	8 75
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	\$82 25

Amount of Stock on hand.

120 bushels corn, at 80 cents,	\$96 00
30 bushels potatoes, at 40 cents,	12 00
5 bushels beans,	10 00

2 tons straw,	\$12 00
10 pigs,	45 00
4 pigs,	40 00
8 tons hay, at \$12,	96 00
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	\$311 00

Amount of Moneys paid.

Sept. 18. To cash for 2 pigs,	\$10 00
23. To cash for 10 pigs,	30 00
Oct. 7. To cash for 2 pigs,	14 00
11. To cash for lumber,	11 50
11. To cash for 3 shovels,	3 37
13. To cash for 2 hoes,	1 50
13. To cash for 3 baskets,	1 50
13. To cash for 3 buckets,	50
Nov. 10. To cash for 1 crowbar,	1 19
10. Use of cultivator and plough,	1 50
15. Repair of harness,	4 00
17. Irons for whiffletrees,	2 50
Dec. 5. Repair of ox-yoke,	1 17
5. Sled,	38 50
-. Use of ox-sled,	1 25
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	\$122 48

Recapitulation.

Amount of moneys received,	\$196 71
Amount of bills paid,	122 48
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Amount on hand,	\$74 23
Amount of bills due,	82 25
Amount of stock on hand,	311 00
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	\$467 48

S. S. STANDLEY.

December 10, 1856.