

GENERAL ORDERS

AND

CIRCULARS,

HEADQUARTERS

FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT,

1869.

RICHMOND:
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT,
STATE OF VIRGINIA,
Richmond, Va., December 17, 1869.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 136. }

I. Under authority from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, and with the approval of the Secretary of War, the use of the public buildings at Howard Grove Hospital, until the Legislature shall otherwise provide, are turned over to the State of Virginia for the purpose of establishing a temporary lunatic asylum. Under the same authority, such of the hospital furniture, supplies, and other property as may be needed, will be transferred to the State at its appraised value.

1. The colored insane now at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum will be transferred, with as little delay as practicable to Howard Grove Hospital, and all insane of the same class now in confinement in any county or corporation jail of the State will in like manner be sent to that hospital.

2. The white insane now in confinement in any county or corporation jail of the State will be sent to the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, except that in the case of insane patients whose place of confinement is more convenient to the Western Lunatic Asylum, application will first be made to the Superintendent of that institution, and if there be no vacancy, will then be sent as above directed to the Eastern Asylum.

3. The insane and indigent patients now at Howard Grove Hospital, who are not residents of, or properly a charge upon the State, will be transferred with as little delay as may be consistent with safety and comfort to the hospital in Washington city. The indigent patients belonging to the State will be continued in the hospital until proper provision can be made for them in the counties to which they properly belong, but their support will be a charge upon the treasury of their respective counties.

4. To allow time for the necessary arrangements to be made for subsisting the insane and indigent patients remaining in the hospital and those to be received in the interim, the issue of the usual rations will be continued until the first of February, 1870.

5. From and after January 1, 1870, and until the Legislature shall otherwise provide, Howard Grove Hospital will be regarded

as a State institution, and the laws of the State in relation to lunatic asylums are made applicable thereto. Applications for the admission of colored insane will be made to the officer in charge thereof, and in the manner directed by said laws.

II. To provide additional accommodations for the convicts in the Penitentiary, the Superintendent is authorized to remove the female convicts to the building already designated for the separate and exclusive confinement of females, and to employ such additional watchmen as may be necessary to secure their safe keeping.

III. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be needed, are hereby appropriated for the purposes hereinafter specified, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the Commonwealth of Virginia not otherwise appropriated :

1. For additional wards and cells, alterations and repairs to adapt Howard Grove Hospital to the accommodation of insane patients, six thousand eight hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.
2. For the transportation, maintenance, and care of the colored insane of the State, ten thousand dollars.
3. For the care and support of indigent patients remaining in the hospital, one thousand dollars, to be reimbursed by the counties to which they properly belong.
4. For repairs of the Penitentiary proper, construction of cells in rooms vacated by female convicts, alterations in workshops, and additional fencing at the Penitentiary, five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.
5. For arrearages in the support of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum at Staunton, Virginia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1869, ten thousand dollars; for addition to the annuity of twenty-five thousand dollars, the sum of five thousand dollars for the half year commencing October 1, 1869, and ending June 30, 1870.

BY COMMAND OF BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL CANBY :

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