

40-TON PORCH OF EXECUTIVE MANSION IS REMOVED TODAY

The Executive Mansion was shorn of its 40-ton granite porch today as workmen proceeded with their task of transforming the building into a Colonial home.

A derrick was moved into the grounds and soon two of the four fluted granite columns had been removed, one of the 2 pilasters which flanked the doorway torn out, and about three-quarters of the granite cornice taken down.

The columns are each 10 feet, 8 inches tall and 1 foot, 3 inches in diameter. They were quarried at Woodstock, Md., and were finished by hand in the Egyptian style. Altogether about 400 cubic feet of granite is to be removed from the porch.

The floor of the porch and the granite steps leading to it will remain.

With foundations for the two wings that will jut out from the main body of the building in place, the mansion has been sheathed in scaffolding, and workmen have removed a portion of the mansard roof over the bay window facing the Court of Appeals building.