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Recommendation of Baltimore Chapter AFA



Hall of Records

BALTIMORE CHAPTER
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BALTIMORE, MD.

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November 23, 1931

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The Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
The Executive Mansion,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Your Excellency:

I have your letter of November 22nd, 1931 acknowledging the receipt of my letter to you of November 21st, giving you the names of six architects suggested by the Baltimore Chapter of the A. I. A. for your consideration in connection with the selection of an architect for the Memorial Hall of Records.

It will give me great pleasure to confer with you in regard to this matter at your convenience. I hope you will be able to advise me of the time and place of the appointment, either by letter or telephone, one day in advance as I am obliged to be in the western part of the State occasionally and I would not allow one of these trips to interrupt your schedule.

With best regards

Very sincerely,

President

HSTW/S

Holley Records

Nov. 22nd 1931.

Mr. Henry S. T. White,
Baltimore Life Insurance Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. White -

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your favor of November 21st relative to architects for the Memorial Hall of Records.

I think that before taking further steps in the matter, I had better arrange for an interview with you. I am afraid that some embarrassment may be occasioned by confining *ourselves* to a limited number of architects, and yet I do not know just what else to do. It may be a good thing for us to talk it over anyhow, and, of course, I will regard your letter as entirely confidential.

I have some engagements which will prevent my seeing you in the immediate future, but I will call you up before long.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

GOVERNOR.

R-E



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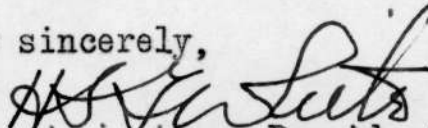
In compliance with your request of November 10th and under the instructions of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the names of the six architectural firms given below have been selected by a secret ballot of the entire membership of the Baltimore Chapter, as being peculiarly qualified for appointment as Architects for the Memorial Hall of Records at Annapolis. The ballot was arranged to include all Maryland Architects, and the vote was free and uninstructed, except for the statements in your letter as to your requirements. The Baltimore Chapter therefore recommends to your Excellency the following firms, listed alphabetically and not to show any preference.

William Gordon Beecher
Buckler and Fenhagen
Laurence Hall Fowler
Palmer and Lamdin
The Office of Joseph Evans Sperry
Wyatt and Nolting

In view of possible misunderstanding of such a selection by the public, and to prevent its possible misuse, our Chapter has voted to treat the knowledge of this selected list as confidential, and the members will greatly appreciate any help you can give them in confining such knowledge to those who are actively interested.

The members of the Baltimore Chapter of the A. I. A. deeply appreciate this evidence of your confidence and this opportunity to serve their Governor and the Board of Public Works.

Very sincerely,


President

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Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of the State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Your Excellency:

I was delighted to receive your letter of November 10th, requesting the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to advise you the names of local architects whom the Chapter considers the most experienced in work which would well qualify them to design the Hall of Records, to be built in the colonial city of Annapolis and to commemorate the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Founding of the State of Maryland.

I have called a meeting of the Executive Committee this afternoon and a full meeting of the Chapter for Wednesday, November 18th, to consider this matter, shortly after which Chapter meeting I hope to send you its report or findings.

I assure you we appreciate very much your courtesy to the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in allowing it to cooperate with you in the matter of the selection of an architect for this important building.

With best wishes

Very sincerely,

H. S. T. White

President

HSTW/S

Hall of Records

November 10, 1931

Mr. Henry S. T. White,
Baltimore Life Insurance Bldg.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. White:-

Under date of May 7th last, you were kind enough to offer me the advice and assistance of the Baltimore Chapter, American Institute of Architects, in connection with the Hall of Records, which it is proposed to build in Annapolis. After a good deal of consideration, the Board of Public Works, which has charge of the construction of the building and which is composed of the State Treasurer, Mr. Dennis, the State Comptroller, Mr. Gordy, and myself, has decided not to select the Architect by competition. The total appropriation is only \$200,000, and we feel that the cost of competition in accordance with the rules of the American Institute of Architects would be too high, and we feel confident, also, that with the proper investigation the Board of Public Works can make as good a selection as could be made through competition.

Because of the fact that this building is to be regarded as a memorial for the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Maryland and because of its location in Annapolis, we feel that it would be appropriate for it to be in keeping with our early Maryland or Colonial architecture and that the Architect to be selected ought to be the very best man we can possibly find in this State who is qualified and experienced along those lines.

I am wondering whether I can take advantage of your offer of May 7th to the extent of asking you whether the Institute will be willing to submit to me the names of those local Architects whom you consider most experienced in work of this sort. I do not know whether there would be any objections on your part to doing this, but I hope not, because I think it would simplify very much the task of the Board of Public Works.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Holly Records

May 8th, 1931

*I write to
Architects*

Mr. Henry S. T. White,
Baltimore Life Insurance Bldg.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. White:-

I have your favor of May 7th, and very much appreciate the offer of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to advise and cooperate in regard to the Hall of Records for which the recent Legislature made provision. The money will not be available for some little while, but when the time comes I am sure that the Board of Public Works will be only too glad to avail themselves of your suggestion.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

R-L



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May 7, 1931

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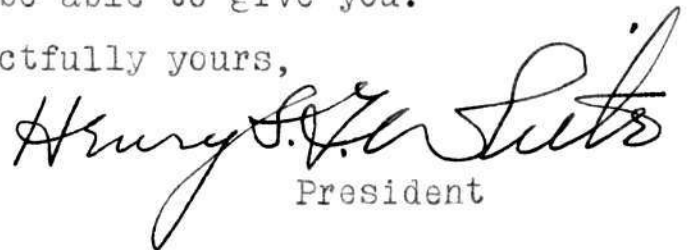
The Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has requested me, as its President, to express to you the sincere interest of all its members in the successful accomplishment of the proposed Memorial Hall of Records, to be built in Annapolis, for which the Legislature has provided means during its recent session.

It is understood that this building is to be not only a suitable enclosure for the unique collection of historic documents of the State, but also a Memorial to the Three Hundredeth Anniversary of the Foundation of the State.

Its situation as a Public building in the City of Annapolis, unique for its unequalled group of early American architecture and for its great interest in the preservation of a charm only too infrequent in American cities, makes the problem an arduous one, and the opportunity most unusual.

The Chapter wishes to offer any advice or assistance in the accomplishment of your task which it, as a body, may be able to give you.

Respectfully yours,


President

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