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October 11th 1931.

Mr. R. E. Lee Taylor,
Baltimore Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Lee -

Thank you for your favor of October 9th. I have only a moment today to acknowledge it, but I will see that the Board of Public Works considers it all thoroughly before deciding on the architect for the Hall of Records.

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR.

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Personal

October 9, 1931

Dear Bert:

May I add a personal word in addition to what I have said of our firm in the enclosed letter?

Since I came here in 1915 to take Doug Thomas' place in the firm, we have not been given five cents' worth of State work.

During all that time we have had one of the largest, if not the largest, architectural offices in the State. We have had in our employ as many as sixteen to eighteen hard-working, sober and industrious taxpayers. We are practically all of us Democrats, and have supported you and the party with work, votes and contributions.

Although no Democratic administration has ever recognized us, either by following the principle of rotation or otherwise, we have, during this same period, been given outright two million dollars worth of work by the Republicans at the City Hall - and these appointments were not based on begging, wire-pulling or anything else but merit and our reputation for doing good work.

Can't our own friends give us a chance?

Yours,



To:

Honorable Albert C. Ritchie
Annapolis,
Maryland.

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Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

We write to ask you to consider our firm in connection with the selection of an architect for the new Hall of Records at Annapolis, and to present our qualifications for that important work.

The designing and handling of this particular building will demand unusual qualities of the architect selected, especially in his ability to give the State a building in harmony with the beautiful Colonial architecture of Annapolis. We feel that our experience and past performance in work of this kind should justify your very serious consideration for this commission.

The first important Colonial work of this office was in the new Johns Hopkins buildings at Homewood - notably the central building, now known as Gilman Hall. A few years later, there followed the work for the Gilman School, and various buildings for the State, such as the John Hubner building at Sykesville. Among others which followed, we might mention the reproduction of Homewood at the Jamestown Exposition and, later, at San Francisco; the various buildings on the estate of Mr. Sylvester W. Labrot, near Annapolis; and a number of other residences, such as those of Mr. Gustavus Ober, Jr. and Mr. Milton Westheimer.

Beginning with the entrance of the writer into the firm, we have done a large amount of work for the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, to wit: Peabody Hall, the new Gymnasium, the old Stadium, the Colonnade Club, Monroe Hall, the new dormitories, and quite recently, the new Stadium and the Clark Memorial Law Building. These we think important, because the University of Virginia is so famous for its Colonial architecture, dating from Jefferson's time, that it is very jealous of that reputation and very careful indeed as to whom it will consider for architectural services. In the last twenty years, the only important buildings erected there in which the writer did not have a hand were those of the Medical School, which were entrusted by the Rockefeller Foundation to a Boston firm that does all their work.

Honorable Albert C. Ritchie:

The writer has also served on the Advisory Committee of Architects for the Williamsburg Restoration ever since that work was started, and in that capacity, has had rare opportunities for specialized study of the architecture of our Colonial and Early Republic periods.

As to our capacity, in general, we need only refer you to the enclosed list of some of our buildings. It is a source of pride to us that the clients represented on this list include many of the most important corporations and institutions of this and of neighboring states. We would be only too happy to have you get a confidential and independent opinion of our qualifications from any of these, and would point particularly to such operations as the Gas Building, the Mutual Life Building, the Baltimore Trust Building and to the two Federal Reserve Banks - one in Baltimore and one in Richmond.

We assume that you are anxious to avoid a competition, and believe, ourselves, that if a direct selection can be made, the results will be better for the State, since the nature of the problem demands an intimate study, carried out jointly by the architect and the building committee in a more informal spirit than would be possible were a competition program to be prepared by an outside expert.

We request an appointment at your convenience at which we may go into this matter with you more fully, and to have a brief interview with you at which we could show you photographs of our executed work and other data bearing upon our fitness for the commission requested.

Very truly yours,

TAYLOR AND FISHER

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PARTIAL LIST OF BUILDINGS

designed by

TAYLOR AND FISHER

(Successors to Parker, Thomas & Rice)

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OFFICE BUILDINGS

Consolidated Gas Company (Lexington Building)	Baltimore, Md.
Liberty Building (Gas Company Annex)	Baltimore, Md.
The B. & O. R.R. Office Building	Baltimore, Md.
The Union Trust Building	Baltimore, Md.
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Baltimore	Baltimore, Md.
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Buildings	Baltimore, Md.
Baltimore Trust Building (Smith & May Associated)	Baltimore, Md.
John Hancock Insurance Company Home Office	Boston, Mass.
Chamber of Commerce Building	Boston, Mass.
Times Dispatch Building	Richmond, Va.
Royster Building	Norfolk, Va.
Bank of Commerce Building	Norfolk, Va.

BANKS & TRUST COMPANIES

Alexander Brown & Sons	Baltimore, Md.
Metropolitan Savings Bank	Baltimore, Md.
Savings Bank of Baltimore	Baltimore, Md.
National Bank of Commerce	Norfolk, Va.
Merchants National Bank	Baltimore, Md.
Federal Reserve Bank - Baltimore Branch	Baltimore, Md.
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Addition: New Building)	Richmond, Va.
United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company Offices	New York, N.Y.
United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company Office Building	Philadelphia, Pa.

CHURCHES

St. Marks-on-the-Hill	Pikesville, Md.
Holy Nativity Church	Baltimore, Md.
First English Lutheran Church	Baltimore, Md.

FACTORIES AND WAREHOUSES

American Piano Company - extensive additions	Baltimore, Md.
Locke Insulator Plant	Baltimore, Md.
Astoria Gas Plant - Unit D	Astoria, N.Y.
Hunts Point Gas Plant for the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York	
Brooklyn Union Gas Plant	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Wise Brothers Annex	Baltimore, Md.
John E. Hurst Building	Baltimore, Md.
United Railways Power House	Baltimore, Md.
Foundry for Bartlett-Hayward Company	Baltimore, Md.

EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS

Johns Hopkins University (Architect for General Plan, Academic Building Power House, etc. - \$1,000,000.00)	Baltimore, Md.
Maryland State Normal School (Original Group - \$720,000.00)	Towson, Md.
Gilman School for Boys, Main Building, Lower School, Gymnasium and Cage - Minor Buildings 1	Roland Park, Md.
Washington Street School	Frederick, Md.
Market Street School	Frederick, Md.
New Junior - Senior High School - Forest Park, (\$1,124,000.00)	Baltimore, Md.
Peabody Institute - Conservatory of Music, (Remodeling and New Building)	Baltimore, Md.
St. Joseph's Monastery Church Convent	Baltimore, Md.
East Baltimore Colored High School	Baltimore, Md.
University of Virginia Buildings: (Commission)	Charlottesville, Va
Peabody Hall	
New Academic Building	
Stadium	
Gymnasium	
New Dormitories	
New Law Building	
Nurses Home	
New Stadium	
Engineering Building (preliminary)	

HOTELS, APARTMENTS & CLUBS

The Belvedere Hotel (12 stories - \$1,500,000.00)	Baltimore, Md.
Eden Hall Apartment	Baltimore, Md.
The DeSoto Apartment	Baltimore, Md.
The Carlton Apartment	Baltimore, Md.
The Burford Apartment	Baltimore, Md.
The allstom Apartment	Baltimore, Md.
Baltimore Athletic Club	Baltimore, Md.
Geneva Apartment	Baltimore, Md.
Gibson Island Club Buildings	Gibson Island, Md.
Apartment Building for Mr. Stuart Olivier	Baltimore, Md.

THEATRES

McCarter Theatre (Triangle Club)	Princeton University
Lyric Theatre (Remodeling)	Baltimore, Md.

HOSPITALS

Eastern Shore State Hospital	Cambridge, Md.
Springfield State Hospital - Ward Buildings "E" "F" & "G" Power House	Sykesville, Md.
John Hubner Psychopathic	Sykesville, Md.
Bay View - Ward "A", Dining Room & Power House	Baltimore, Md.
Infectious Hospital - Sydenham	Baltimore, Md.
St. Bartholomew's	New York, N.Y.
DuPont Hospital	Cambridge, Md.
Kernan Hospital for Crippled Children	Baltimore, Md.

EXPOSITION BUILDINGS

The Jamestown Exposition (Main Buildings - \$2,000,000.00)	Norfolk, Va.
San Francisco Exposition - Maryland Building	San Francisco, Cal.

WAR PLANTS

Bartlett-Hayward Company - U.S. Government Work	
Main Plant, Baltimore, Md.	\$ 500,000.00
South Plant, Baltimore, Md.	700,000.00
Park Plant, Baltimore, Md.	2,850,000.00
Symington Companies - U.S. Government Work,	
Gun Plant, Rochester, N.Y.	900,000.00
Forge Plant, Rochester, N.Y.	850,000.00
Shell Plant, Chicago, Ill	3,500,000.00

LEGATION BUILDING

U. S. Legation (Remodeling)	Prague, Czechoslovakia
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RECENT RESIDENCES - (ALL IN MARYLAND)

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Mr. William Whitridge

Mrs. Nelson Perin

Mr. Jack Symington

Mr. Donald Symington

Mr. Milton Westheimer

Mr. Thomas Hildt

Mr. Gustavus Ober, Jr.

Mr. Douglas Gordon Carroll

Mr. John Staige Davis

Mr. Richard N. Jackson

Mr. George Siemonn

Mr. Hartman K. Harrison

Mr. William C. Coleman

Mrs. Robert D. Hopkins

Mrs. Robert F. Harvey

Dr. William A. Fisher

Dr. DeWitt D. Caslor

Dr. William H. Wilmer

Dr. Walter Hughson