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Correspondence with William L. Marbury re selection of auditor

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February 29, 1932.

His Excellency,
Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Ritchie,

I have your letter of February 28th,

and a copy of your letter of the same date to Mr. Callis, in
reference to the selection of Mr. Laurence Fowler as the archi-
tect for the Memorial Hall of Records.

I have known Mr. Fowler for many years
and from what I have seen of his work as an architect I do not
think you could make a better selection.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Marbury

Hall of Records

*April 2/32 Marby called -
says his inventory items
show Fowler OK*

February 28th 1932.

Hon. William L. Marbury,
Maryland Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Marbury -

I enclose you copy of letter I am writing George Callis to the effect that Laurence Fowler is the unanimous choise of the Board of Public Works as the architect for the Memorial Hall of Records.

If agreeable to you I will be glad in making the announcement to say that Mr. Fowler's selection, as the approval, not only of Mr. Callis' Committee, but also of yourself, as Chairman of the Tercentenary Commission.

I do not, of course, want to do this if you have the slightest objections.

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR.

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Haley Records
Sperry

September 8, 1931

B. O. P. W. meeting
Campbell Sept 21 3.30
N. C. P. W. meeting
Sept 21/31 -
Remell committee &
B. O. P. W. demand
notes

Mr. William L. Marbury,
Maryland Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Marbury:

Thank you for your favor of September 4th, enclosing letter from Mr. Crisp of the office of Joseph Evans Sperry. As far as I can learn the Institute of Architects discourages competitive awards, and, for that reason, makes it a *cutly* proposition when competition among architects is held. I am getting a copy of the Institute's rules on the subject, and I think there are some changes which Mr. Callis apparently did not recall the other day. For instance, I believe that every architect who competes is entitled to a substantial cash sum. I want to talk the matter over again with the other members of the Board, but it *looks* to me as if the cost of a competition may be almost prohibitive in a job of this size, and I personally doubt whether we would get a better building that way. For instance, I am sure that if Mr. Sperry's office, for example, was selected, that they would turn out every bid as good a job as if there was competition. However, this can be decided shortly, and whatever is done Mr. Sperry's office will, of course, be given every opportunity to be in the running.

Very truly yours,

Governor.



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His Excellency,
Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Governor,

I enclose herewith copy of letter received this morning from the office of Joseph Evans Sperry, architects, in which Mr. Crisp of that firm, expresses a desire that the Board of Public Works should consider his firm for selection as architects for the Memorial Hall of Records.

I hope that the Board will give careful consideration to what Mr. Crisp has to propose. As you know, his firm has done a fine work for us at the Crownsville State Hospital, and our experience with him has been most satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Copy to:

Mr. Duvall
Mr. Callis.

COPY

OFFICE OF
JOSEPH EVANS SPERRY
ARCHITECT
409 Calvert Building
Baltimore, Md.

September 4, 1931.

Mr. William L. Marbury, Chairman,
The Maryland Tercentenary Commission
Maryland Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Marbury:

Our office is very much interested in the proposed Memorial Hall of Records to be built in Annapolis, Maryland, and respectfully ask that our firm be placed before his Excellency Governor Ritchie, Mr. Gordy and Mr. Dennis for consideration when the selection of an architect is made for this project.

We feel that this building should be designed in an archaic style, particularly fitting with the fine old historic monuments still standing and with the historic traditions of Annapolis and Maryland.

Recently we have restored "Shawan" and St. Johns' Episcopal Church in the Worthington Valley for Mr. C. Wilbur Miller, which were erected about the year eighteen hundred.

The Baltimore Country Club, for which the drawings have just been completed, is designed along similar archaic lines.

This type of architecture appeals to us very much, and we feel sure that should the commission be entrusted to us, a very successful and happy solution of the project could be worked out in cooperation with your commission and the Board of Public Work.

Very truly yours,

OFFICE OF JOS. EVANS SPERRY

BY HERBERT G. CRISP

HGC:VS

Marbury



August 23, 1931

Hon. William L. Marbury,
Maryland Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Marbury:-

The Board of Public Works is going to meet at my office in the Union Trust Building on Wednesday afternoon, September 2nd, at two-thirty o'clock, and George R. Callis, Jr., who is chairman of one of the Tercentenary committees relating to the Hall of Records, is going to come before us in order to discuss the situation. If convenient to you, I think it might be desirable for you to come also. As the Act makes everything subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, that might be a good opportunity to straighten out any misunderstandings, if there are any. I find that I cannot be in Baltimore until Wednesday, which is the reason I have not telephoned you.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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February 11, 1931.

Re: Maryland Tercentenary

His Excellency,
Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

I have your letter of February 10th, and it seems to me that you are going about the matter in exactly the right way. I will keep in touch with Judge Bond.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Marbury

Hall of Records

February 10, 1931

Hon. William L. Marbury,
Maryland Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Marbury:-

After the Tercentenary Committee left today, I had a talk with Judge Carroll Bond and also with Judge Offutt and Mr. George R. Callis. Judge Bond felt, as I did, that the thing to do was first find out exactly what sort of a building ought to be erected to take care of the records. He said that he could get from Washington a man who was thoroughly expert along these lines and who could come over to Annapolis to look at the records here and give advice as to just how they ought to be kept and stored and preserved and as to just what kind of a building they ought to be in. Then George Callis could make up an estimate of what the building would cost. At the same time somebody like Hall Pleasants could get in touch with the Maryland Historical Society and see what ought to be brought here from there and allowance could be made for that. The estimate made in this way would simply represent proper provision for the preservation of the records, and then we could see whether the finances of the State permitted a building better fitted to the memorial side of the matter. Judge Bond said that he would keep in touch with you in order to have your advice. It seems to me that in this way we can work out something in the next ten days or two weeks.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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