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Selection of Lawrence H. Fouta to design Hall of Research

LAURENCE HALL FOWLER  
ARCHITECT  
547 N CHARLES STREET  
BALTIMORE MARYLAND

*Hall of Records*

*3/32  
May 1932*

*Fowler-Kirkman*

April 14, 1932.

Governor Albert C Ritchie,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor;

It is very gratifying to have your letter notifying me of my selection by you, and the other members of the Board of Public Works, as Architect for the Memorial Hall of Records to be built at Annapolis.

I shall make every effort to justify your selection, as well as the action of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in including my name among those suggested to you.

I understand that you will let me know when it is convenient to have a preliminary discussion of the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

*Laurence H. Fowler.*

*May 3/32*

LAURENCE HALL FOWLER  
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547 N CHARLES STREET  
BALTIMORE MARYLAND

April 6th, 1932

The Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,  
Executive Department,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Your Excellency:-

We are delighted with your selection of Mr. Fowler  
to design the Memorial Hall of Records and shall  
wireless our news to him on board the City of Havre,  
which he and Mrs. Fowler boarded for home last Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

*Udorn F. Worthington*

Representing Laurence H. Fowler.

April 3rd, 1932.

*Hall of Records  
Architect*

Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler,  
347 N. Charles Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Laurence:-

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to advise you that the Board of Public Works, composed of the State Comptroller, Mr. Gordy, the State Treasurer, Mr. Dennis, and myself, have unanimously selected you as the Architect for the Memorial Hall of Records, for which the State made provision at the last Legislature. Some of those interested were in favor of competition, but we decided that, within the limits of the appropriation, the expense of this would not be justified, and that, in any event, we could select just as good an architect without it. Accordingly, I asked the Institute of Architects to submit to me the names of those Maryland architects whom they considered best qualified through experience, etc. to do this particular job. Your name was one of the six submitted, and after a good deal of investigation and consideration, all of us finally decided on you. As soon as possible either I or someone on behalf of the State will get in touch with you in regard to the matter.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

R-L

MELVIN AVENUE  
CATONSVILLE  
MARYLAND -

*Callis*

GEORGE R. CALLIS, JR.  
ARCHITECT  
CATONSVILLE, MD.

*March 31/32*

March 17, 1932.

*Callis says his committee  
does not wish to vote for*

*or against*

*Fowler -*

*led by P.W.*

*Constance*

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

I received a  
phone message from your office  
on Wednesday that you were waiting  
to keep my appointment with you.  
I did not receive this message  
until late in the evening on my  
return home.

I had not notice of this  
appointment and was naturally  
surprised on receipt of your  
message.

I await word from you when  
I can see you in accordance with  
my request of March 10th.

Sincerely,

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

March 17th, 1932.

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
13 Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George:-

My Secretary thought she made an engagement for you with me on Wednesday afternoon last, but apparently there was some mistake about it. I have to go to New York for a few days and will see you on my return.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

R-I.



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*Sen. Callie*

# Maryland Tercentenary Commission

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*Week 16 - (4)*

Baltimore,

March 10, 1932.

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William Woodward

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, yesterday, I was requested to lay several matters before you pertaining to the memorials of the celebration.

May I ask that you fix a time and place to meet you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Sen. R. Callie, Jr.*



*Hall & Reed*

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March 3, 1932.

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Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis Maryland.

My dear Governor,

In my letter of February 29th. I stated that, in accordance with your wishes, a meeting of the Memorials Committee would be called at an early date. The following day this meeting was arranged for March 15th.

I shall give you the results of this meeting on the question of the appointment of Mr. Fowler, immediately after the meeting and I have every reason to believe approval will be the decision, but as stated in my letter, do not expect unanimous approval because of my opinions as I have expressed them.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

Hull & Ready

March 2nd 1932.

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
13 Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George -

I have your favor of February 29th. I am certainly sorry that you do not approve the selection of Laurence Fowler. I cannot think, however, that there is any doubt about his capability.

Mr. Gordy, who has discussed the matter with you, made a very thorough survey of the whole field, and he has no doubt that the great majority of the architects think that Fowler ought to be the man. He is Mr. Gordy's choice and Mr. Dennis' choice; and while any one of a number of people would be agreeable to me, yet I have a very high opinion of Mr. Fowler's work, and feel that no better selection could be made.

I have, however, no wish at all for you or your Committee to approve any selection which you do not happen to think is the best one. I wrote you because, when we discussed the matter sometime ago, you suggested that your Committee ought to figure in the selection and I entirely agreed; so, if you or your Committee wishes to join with the Board of Public Works in Mr. Fowler's selection, then I will make the announcement that way. If you, or your Committee, does not want to do that, then I will just announce the selection as having been made by the Board of Public Works. I will leave it entirely to you, therefore, as to whether you think it desirable to call your Committee together or not.

Sincerely yours,



MELVIN AVENUE  
CATONSVILLE  
MARYLAND -

GEORGE R. CALLIS, JR.  
ARCHITECT

*Hall of  
Records*

February 29, 1932.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th., advising me of the selection of Lawrence Fowler to design the Memorial Hall of Records, being the unanimous choice of the Board of Public Works. As it is your desire to have an expression from the Memorials Committee, giving if possible the unanimous approval of Mr. Fowler, I shall call a meeting of the Committee at an early date. I will say however, as chairman of the Committee, that I am opposed to Mr. Fowler. Of the six names submitted for consideration by the Institute, I personally could not approve of Mr. Fowler or Mr. Palmer; any one of the other four have the necessary qualifications and would render excellent service to the State. There are several architects in Maryland that outrank these two men for the faithful execution of the period of architecture we are striving for, and who do not appear on the list. The list as submitted to you, was the results of a friendly popularity contest and I therefore do not take it seriously.

It has been hoped by many with whom I have talked, that the Memorial Hall of Records would establish an architectural precedent for all future buildings of the State group. To do this the architectural lines of the building must be executed with purity of style, eliminating all modernistic tendencies. The very nature and use of this building demands this, as it will house the records of the earliest traditions of Maryland, and vieing only with Virginia and Massachusetts for the earliest records of the birth of the Nation. Its architecture should therefore give expression to this and can only be accomplished by men who possess the scholarly talents of a student of pure Colonial architecture. The men referred to, have demonstrated their inability to be honest in the faithful execution of this most delicate and friendly style of architecture.

My original thought and selection of the man to do this work, was John Russell Pope of New York, who was selected by the Building Committee of John Hopkins University to design their administration building, which will occupy a dominating position in their campus group, and who is an authority on Colonial architecture. Realizing however the advantages of a Maryland man, I confined my study to local men and have formed some very definite conclusions.

If this is your final decision however, I must accept the inevitable, but assure you it will dampen my ardor in the work.

Sincerely yours, *Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

*Hally Rivers*

February 28th 1932.

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
13 Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George -

The Board of Public Works has given the most thorough consideration to all of the architects on the list submitted by the Institute of Architects in connection with the Memorial Hall of Records, and Laurence Fowler is their unanimous choice. While members of your Committee may or may not have different personal choices, yet I am sure none of them would question Mr. Fowler's qualifications.

If agreeable to your Committee, I would be glad, in making the public announcement, to say that Mr. Fowler's selection was made jointly by the Board of Public Works and your Committee, - or else was made by the Board of Public Works with the approval of your Committee; and, I will appreciate it if you will let me know whether this will be satisfactory to you and the members of your Committee. I do not want to do it, of course, unless it is entirely so.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR.

R-E

MELVIN AVENUE  
CATONSVILLE  
MARYLAND -

GEORGE R. CALLIS, JR.  
ARCHITECT

*Met in  
Hall of Records*

*Callis*

November 12, 1931.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

In response to your letter of the 10th. advising me of the decision of the Board of Public Works not to have a competition in the selection of an architect for the Hall of Records, and that the matter will be handled by the Board of Public Works with the cooperation of the Memorials Committee.

I wish to assure you that the Memorials Committee, as well as the Executive Committee of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission will cooperate with you in this decision and await your call for further consideration of the matter.

With personal  
best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

November 10, 1931.

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
13 Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George:-

After considering the matter carefully, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Gordy and myself have decided not to have competition for the Architect of the Hall of Records. I have been over the regulations of the Institute of Architects and it looks as if the cost of competition would be quite a good deal more than you thought when I last saw you. At all events, I feel sure that we can get just as good an Architect by selecting him ourselves, with whatever aid your committee will give, as we could through competition.

Some time ago Mr. Henry S. T. White, President of the Baltimore Chapter, American Institute of Architects, offered the services of the Institute in connection with the new building, and it seems to me that as good a way as any to begin is for me to ask the Institute to furnish the Board of Public Works with a list of all local Architects whom they think are specially qualified and experienced in this kind of work. I am doing this today. It would not be my idea, of course, to shut out any Architects not on the Institute's list from applying for the job if they wish to do so. When the list comes in, I will be very glad to go over it with you and see whether you have any suggestions to make about it or about anybody on it.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

R-L

Hall of Records

September 8, 1931

Mr. George R. Callis,  
13 Melvin Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear George:

I received your favor of September 15th,  
about the Hall of Records. We will decide what seems  
best to do at the next meeting of the Board of Public  
Works.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor.

R-S

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Baltimore, September 5, 1931.

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Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

I have received a copy of the letter from the office of Joseph Evans Sperry, Architect, from Mr. Marbury regarding the Hall of Records Building, which I understand was transmitted to you.

It has been known to me for some time that this firm was interested in being commissioned for this important memorial of the anniversary celebration, but as chairman of the Memorials Committee I have also been approached by the office of Messrs Fisher and Taylor, Mackensie and Cross, Wrenn Lewis Westenhaver and Jencks and Lucius R. White. I concluded in fairness to all concerned it was right and proper to hold an architectural competition, and there upon made this recommendation to you.

I concur with your views, as expressed in our recent meeting, that the site should first be acquired, before any publicity is given the erection of this building. There is however quite some ground to be covered before a competition can be launched, which can be handled quietly.

In order to insure the completion of this building by March 1933, the architect should be selected and commissioned to proceed with working drawings and specifications by December 1st, 1931. This allows three months for the preparation of the working drawings and specifications, one month for receiving contractors bids and the awarding of the contract, and twelve months for constructing and equipping the building. In order therefore, to cover the preliminary stages of selecting the architect before December 1st, 1931, we should be in a position

Sept., 5, 1931.

Hon. Albert S. Ritchie, Governor,

to proceed now with drafting the program for the architectural competition, The selection of the site can proceed also, and should be concluded before the competition program is completed and ready for the architects.

I wish to bring this to you attention at this time, as it may seem there is plenty of time to cover the ground to have this building completed by 1933, in reality we have very little time to lose.

Awaiting your decision in the matter,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*Geo. R. Coe, Jr.*  
Chairman Memorials Committee.



GEORGE R. CALLIS, JR.  
ARCHITECT

August 29, 1931.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor,

It will be a pleasure for me to attend a meeting of the Board of Public Works at your office in the Union Trust Building on Wednesday September 2nd. at two-thirty o'clock to discuss the Hall of Records matter.

I will have with me Mr. Mark O. Shriver, a member of the Memorials Committee.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

Callis

August 28, 1931

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George:-

The Board of Public Works will meet again at my office in the Union Trust Building on Wednesday, September 2nd, and I will appreciate it if you can come at two-thirty o'clock that afternoon in order to discuss the Hall of Records matter.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

R-L

August 18, 1931

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George:

I have to call off our meeting for  
August 26th about the Hall of Records, but will  
telephone you next week and make another date.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

R-S



GEORGE R. CALLIS, JR.  
ARCHITECT

August 13, 1931.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie  
1003 Union Trust Building  
Baltimore City.

My dear Governor,

In replying  
to yours of the 12th., I wish  
to inform you it will be a  
pleasure to be present at a meeting  
of the Board of Public Works at  
2.00 P.M. on August 26th., and  
discuss the Tercentenary question.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

August 12, 1931

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George:-

The Board of Public Works met today and I discussed the Memorial Hall of Records with them. I do not think there will be much difficulty in working out a satisfactory plan of cooperation between your committee and the Board, although I doubt whether we will feel that we ought to take much money from a comparatively small appropriation for prize purposes. However, the best thing to do is for you to meet the Board and let us all discuss the situation together. We will hold a meeting for this purpose at my office in the Union Trust Building on Wednesday afternoon, August 26th, at two o'clock, and I hope that time will be convenient to you. If you want to bring one or two members of your committee with you, that will be all right.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

R-L



Callis

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*Handwritten:* Tuesday Aug 11 (OK)  
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Hon. Albert C. Ritchie  
Governor of Maryland  
1006 Union Trust Building  
Baltimore City.

My dear Governor,

Your favor of the 14th. received, in which you have appointed Thursday the 16th. at 4.30 o'clock, the time to meet you at your Baltimore office.

The Committee meeting referred to in my letter to you of July 13th. is at 4.00 o'clock the same day (Thursday) at the Maryland Historical Society. It will therefore not be possible for me to be at your office at 4.30 o'clock.

May I ask that you fix another day at your convenience?

Sincerely

*Handwritten signature:* Geo. R. Callis, Jr.

Callis  
July 16 - 4.30

July 14, 1931

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.,  
Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Callis:

Referring to your favor of July 9th, I  
will be glad to see you at my Baltimore office, 1006  
Union Trust Building, Thursday afternoon, July 16th,  
at 4.30 o'clock.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

R-S

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Hon. Albert C. Ritchie  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor,

Replying to  
your favor of the 10th. It  
would be convenient for me to  
meet you in Annapolis, if you  
will fix the time.

I have been appointed  
chairman of a Committee on  
Memorials which will hold its  
first meeting on this Thursday.  
Before going into this meeting  
there are several points I  
desire to discuss with you.

Thus, my reason for  
seeing you at an early date.

Sincerely

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*

*Callis*

July 10th, 1931.

*Thursday July 16*

*4.30*

*K. C. Johnson*

Mr. George R. Callis, Jr.  
Melvin Avenue,  
Catonsville, Maryland.

Dear George:

I received your favor of July 9th on my return tonight from a trip to Ocean City. I am dated up tomorrow, and don't think I will be able to be at my Baltimore office any day next week. I will give you a ring, however, the first time I can make appointments there. There is really no hurry about the Tercentary matter, because the Board of Public Works will hardly take it up for some little while.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

R-B

Governor.

MELVIN AVENUE  
CATONSVILLE  
MARYLAND -

GEORGE R. CALLIS, JR.  
ARCHITECT

July 9, 1931.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor,

I desire to discuss some matters pertaining to the Maryland Tercentary Commission, and would ask that you fix the time, convenient to you. Preferably on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Sincerely

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*