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Correspondence with Fowler re design

Hall of Records

June 22nd, 1932.

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

Dear Laurence:-

Thank you for your favor of June
21st. I will see you about the Hall of
Records after my return from Chicago.
Until then I hereby declare a moratorium
on it.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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June 21, 1932.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Executive Department,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

I have been out of town looking into the storage of records in New York and New England, or would have acknowledged sooner your letter of the 14th.

I am very glad to have had you define, so satisfactorily, the status of the Tercentenary Commission and other advisory groups. Enclosed is a copy of my answer to Mr. Callis' letter of the 13th.

I now have a general scheme that seems to work as to requirements. As soon as it is checked as to cost, I shall make preliminary sketches of the floor plans and elevations, and submit them to the Board of Public Works for its criticism, before going on with the drawings.

With best wishes for Chicago,

Sincerely yours,

Laurence Fowler
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June 14, 1932.

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

Dear Mr. Callis:

Thank you for your letter of June 13th,
~~containing~~
containing the skeleton of requirements for the Hall of
Records, as approved by the Executive Committee of the
Maryland Tercentenary Commission, at their meeting on
June 10th.

These suggestions will be very helpful
in working up the preliminary plans, and I hope the app-
ropriation will be sufficient to provide for all the
features.

I shall let you know as soon as the pre-
liminary drawings are sufficiently developed to show to
the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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Hally Pleasants

June 2, 1932.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Executive Department,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

Thank you very much for the copy of Judge Bond's letter, which will be very helpful.

I have already talked with Judge Bond and Hall Pleasants, and shall see Judge Offutt, Ben Griswold and Mr. Kirkman within a few days.

The Tercentenary Commission promises to send me their suggestions shortly, so I hope to have all the data available before long.

Very sincerely yours,

Laurence Fowler

Hall of Records

May 29th, 1932.

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

Dear Laurence:-

I am sorry for my delay in sending you the data I have about the Hall of Records. I seem to be on the go all the time. The only thing I find which may be helpful is a letter Judge Bond wrote me under date of February 24, 1931, and of which I enclose you a copy. At some stage of the proceedings I think you ought to have a talk with Judge Bond and probably also with Judge Offutt and Ben Griswold. I think I told you about Hall Pleasant's interest when I last saw you. You can get perhaps more practical help from Walter Kirkman than anyone else.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Hall of Records

May 11, 1932.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

Have you been able to find the letter of Judge Carroll Bond in regard to the requirements for The Hall of Records? I saw Judge Bond the other day, but he could not recall the figures which he had given you, nor did he have a copy of his letter to you, although he remembered that it was written when this matter was taken up during the last session of the Legislature.

As it seems desirable that I should visit several buildings that have recently been erected to accommodate the state records, it would help me very much to have a letter of introduction from you. In this part of the country, Connecticut is said to have made the best provisions for taking care of its documents. New Jersey has also done something recently along the same lines.

Very sincerely yours,

Laurence H. Fowler.

May 29th, 1932

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Joe:-

I received your favor of May 16th, and
return you the two copies of the agreement
with Mr. Fowler, Architect for the Hall of
Records, the same having been executed by me.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Office of Comptroller
Treasury Department
Annapolis, Maryland

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.
Comptroller
Joseph C. McCusker
Chief Deputy

May 16th, 1932.

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

Dear Governor Ritchie:-

I am enclosing herewith a contract between the State and Laurence Hall Fowler, covering the latter's work as architect for the Memorial Hall of Records in Annapolis. I suppose the signing of this agreement by you is a mere formality inasmuch as the records of the Board show the selection of Mr. Fowler as the architect for the Building, and the agreement herewith is the same as is signed by State institutions for work under their control.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "McCusker".

Secretary
Board of Public Works.