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Tercentenary Commission suggestion redesign

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*Hall of Records*

September 17, 1932

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

Dear George:-

Thank you for your favor of September 16th, in which you advise me of certain suggestions made by the Memorials Committee of the Hall of Records at its meeting held on September 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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# Maryland Tercentenary Commission

Confirmed by Act of the General Assembly

Baltimore, September 16, 1932.

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Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Annapolis Maryland.

My dear Governor,

In accordance with our conversation on last Tuesday the 13th., regarding the approval given the Memorial Hall of Records by the Memorials Committee, I wish to inform you that the Executive Committee approved this action of the Memorials Committee at its meeting on September 15th.

As explained to you, approval was made with the following suggestions:-

1. The installation of an elevator.
2. The finishing and furnishing of an Assembly Room on the third floor, where college students or large groups can assemble in conference to study the records.
3. The inscription on front facade to be "MEMORIAL HALL OF RECORDS" in lieu of "HALL OF RECORDS" as shown on architects sketch.

Respectfully,

*Geo. R. Callis, Jr.*



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September 19, 1932. *See*

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

*Oct 3/32  
 Sam Kirkman*

*Hall of Records*

Dear Governor Ritchie:

I am in receipt of a copy of the Minutes of the Memorials Committee of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission, held on September 9, 1932. Mr. Fowler, architect of the Memorial Hall of Records Building, appeared before the Committee and exhibited the preliminary plans and design of the same. According to the minutes, the Committee approved the design with the following exceptions:

- First, that the name appearing on the front should be "Memorial Hall of Records";
- Second, that the plans should include an elevator;
- Third, that the third story room of the building should be finished and equipped for the purpose of an Assembly Room.

Following is copy of a Minute which because it involves a matter of policy, I quote in full.

"Chairman then announced that under the head of Unfinished Business the matter of the Memorial at St. Clement's Island should be taken up and suggested the idea of interesting the Federal Government in erecting an appropriate memorial in the form of a shaft containing a beacon that might serve both sea and air. Mr. Marbury then questioned the advisability of involving the Federal Government. This led to considerable discussion and finally the following motion of Mr. Duvall was duly seconded and carried: that the Committee give consideration to the kind and character of memorial appropriate for St. Clement's Island and further whether the State of Maryland would desire participation by the Federal Government in the erection of a shaft and beacon light. Should such participation be not desired, that the Committee as an alternative report the nature and kind of a memorial the State should erect, and the approximate cost of such."

I have notified Mr. Gordy of the Committee's suggestion relative to the changes in the design of the building. All this is for your information.

Very truly yours,

*Walter N. Kirkman*

State Purchasing Agent.