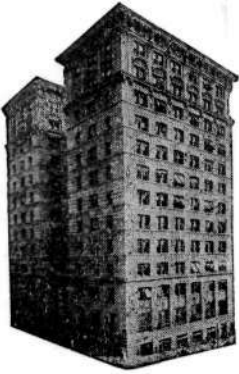


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The Honorable Albert C. Ritchie
Annapolis
Maryland

My dear Governor:

I saw by the papers that an appropriation had been made for the construction in Annapolis of a building to safely house, and I suppose also exhibit, valuable State papers, and I am taking the liberty of bringing to your attention a building of that kind containing the Huntington Library collection, probably one of the most valuable in the world, at San Marino, California, really a part of Pasadena, which I am reasonably sure must be the last word in such buildings.

I refer of course to the inside of it and not the outside which is of the Spanish type of architecture, for naturally the one to be built at Annapolis will be of the Colonial, and I certainly hope it will be a gem of its kind for which of course your administration will get the credit.

The Huntington Library building to which I refer is not large, complete I feel sure in its every detail for the purposes desired, and I believe would well pay the Architect, whom you may select, to inspect before final decision as to the interior design and arrangement, even though quite far away.

Sincerely yours,

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Hall of Records

May 23, 1931.

Colonel Sherlock Swann,
663 Calvert Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Colonel -

I have your favor of May 21st and very much appreciate your writing me about the Huntington Library building.

I will be only too glad to see that the interior plans for this are considered when we come to build our own Hall of Records. This will probably not be for some little while, as the appropriation does not become available for about a year.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR.

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