

The reasons for, and necessity of, providing a more eligible room than the present one, is more apparent, and must be more sensibly felt and seen by the present than the last Legislature—and there is not (it is to be hoped) a doubt existing in any enlightened and liberal mind, that the work will be promptly executed, from the necessity and importance of the subject. I would most respectfully suggest to your Committee, that the present act for fitting up the aforesaid room, be so altered as to transfer the power of fitting up the new Library, to the Joint Committee on the State Library.

I would also submit to your consideration, the feasibility of the following plan for fitting up the octagonal part of the Hall into a State Library:—

To take away the present floor and fixtures; the pillars and arch to form the front of the Library; the floor of the new Library to be raised about three feet from the present brick floor of the Hall.

The interior arrangement to be—three light and suitable galleries to run around the room, except in front, where there shall be one tier of gallery only.

For the reception and arrangement of the books, have projections from the wall, or what are called alcoves; or let the room be laid off in arches, so that each arch may contain all works on any one subject.

Or, should the Legislature prefer retaining the present floor, I would then suggest, as a great improvement, and matter of incalculable convenience to the Legislative Committees, to convert the Wood-Cellar into Committee rooms—each having access to the Library above.

These crude suggestions, are respectfully submitted.

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