

and to be creditable to myself—I early turned my attention to the subject.

Under the authority given for that purpose, I visited the Congressional library, also the library of the State department, and the library of “George Town College.” All of these libraries are fitted up in a suitable style—that of the George Town College is peculiarly neat, beautiful and appropriate, but considering the style of the Congressional library more suitable for a State Library, I made a sketch of a plan corresponding to that of the latter—so far as it appeared to be feasible in regard to the size and form of that portion of the Hall designed for the new library—which plan was merely intended to give the outlines of the front and interior arrangements.

On my return from Washington I engaged, as authorised, Mr. Robert C. Long, Architect of Baltimore to give a plan, to whom I submitted the aforesaid sketch for his improvement and opinion as to its adaptation to the object contemplated to be effected.

The improvements upon this skeleton plan made by Mr. Long need nothing from me to add to his already established character and taste as an architect, it being fully proved by its beauty and singular appropriateness, and the unanimous approbation with which the deputation of your committee, consisting of Messrs. Claude, Mayer, Crabb and Hillen, adopted it.

The 24th day of June being the day appropriated by public notice for a meeting of the said deputation, to receive and determine on proposals for the construction of the library—the above named gentlemen convened, when two proposals being received—one from Mr. Elijah Wells of this city, for the sum of \$2,400—and one from Mr. Aaron Duvall, of this city also, for the sum of \$2,850,

The deputation accepted of the proposal of Mr. Wells, who gave bond and security in the sum of \$5,000 for the prompt and faithful performance of the work, as specified and set forth in the contract now on file in this office. It is due to Mr. Wells to say that the work has been executed in a style that does him great