

structed in a most thorough and substantial manner, being fire proof throughout, and consists of a basement and two upper stories.

In the basement are located store rooms. On the first floor are located the offices of the Comptroller, Treasurer, Tax Commissioner, the Land Office and the office of the Commander of the State Fishery Force. On the second floor is located the Court of Appeals, with ample accommodations for its various departments, connecting with the Lawyers' retiring room, Law library and State library.

The interior of the public space of the building is finished in white marble. The marble columns which have been placed around the lobby, forming the entrance to the Court of Appeals and the Library were taken from the rotunda of the old Custom House in Baltimore, and were presented to the State by the United States Government.

On the main stairway of the lobby are three large windows in which are to be placed ornamental leaded glass, representing in the centre the obverse of the Great Seal of Caecilius, Baron of Baltimore and first Lord Proprietary of Maryland, adopted A. D. 1648. To the left of the centre is represented the reverse of the Great Seal as used by all the Lords Proprietary of Maryland, adopted A. D. 1648. To the right of the centre is represented the Great Seal of Maryland as restored and adopted by the General Assembly, A. D. 1876.

These representations have been prepared with great care to insure their absolute historic correctness. We owe thanks in this work to the co-operation of the Maryland Historical Society, whose committee has greatly assisted in obtaining a correct representation in color of these important subjects.

Apart from the satisfaction resulting from the construction and character of this building, it is especially gratifying to report that the work has all been completed within the appropriations made by the Legislature for its construction and furnishing.

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