

Mr. Peabody's first letter.

under wholesome restraints to preserve good order and decorous department, it may be rendered instructive to artists in the pursuit of their peculiar studies and in affording them opportunity to make drawings and copies from the works it may contain. As annual or periodical Exhibitions of Paintings and Statuary are calculated, in my opinion, to afford equal gratification and instruction to the community, and may serve to supply a valuable fund for the enrichment of the gallery, I suggest to the trustees the establishment of such exhibitions as far as they may find it practicable from the resources within their reach.

Lastly—I desire that ample and convenient accommodation may be made in the building of the Institute for the use of the Maryland Historical Society, of which I am and have long been a member. It is my wish that that society should permanently occupy its appropriate rooms as soon as they are provided, and should at the proper time when this can be done, be appointed by the trustees to be the guardian and protector of the property of the Institute; and that, if it accept this duty and, in conformity with my wish, shall remove into and take possession of the apartments designed for its use, it shall also be requested and empowered to assume the management and administration of the operations of the several departments as the same shall be established and organized by the Trustees. That it shall, at a proper time in every year appoint from its own members appropriate and efficient committees, to be charged respectively with the arrangement and direction of the operations and conduct of each department in the functions assigned to each by the Trustees. That, in the performance of these duties, it shall keep in view the purposes which it is my aim to promote; give due attention to the details necessary to accomplish them, and adopt suitable measures to execute the plan of organization made by the Trustees, and carry into full and useful effect my intentions as disclosed in this letter.

The Trustees, after the Historical Society shall have accepted these duties, shall, nevertheless, possess a full and complete visitatorial power over the proceedings of the Society touching the sub-

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