

the Committees of the two Houses, was a complaint very generally made during the last Session of the Legislature, and some act, providing for them, I believe, passed the House of Delegates, but was too late for the action of the Senate. The Speaker of the last House who was familiar with the plan then in contemplation, kindly came to Annapolis and conferred with me on the subject a short time since, and assisted by his suggestions, I engaged the builder under whose direction the last alterations in the public buildings here were made, to do the necessary work. He has very lately completed it, and has converted the room under the Library into four comfortable Committee Rooms and a Room for a Post Office. The alteration will, I hope, meet your approbation and contribute to your convenience. I recommend an appropriation for the cost of it.

The necessity for other repairs about the State House will attract your attention. The outside of the building, and especially its roof and dome stand much in need of paint. The venerable edifice should by no means be neglected—it is, as it well may be, an object of great regard, not only to the residents of the Ancient City, but the people of the State. You will, I hope, do whatever is necessary to keep it in complete repair, that it may be long preserved to shelter many a future Assembly, bearing aloft to the last the same FLAG that floats from its summit to-day.

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