



Proposed
Specifications for Repairing Hall of
the State House. Submitted by G. M. Marshall.

1st After the scaffold has been erected either plaster or wax casts must be made of all the stucco work, care being used to select for models, such only as present sharp outlines the moulds to be made with all possible care, so as to secure an exact duplicate of old work.

2nd All old columns, and plaster work to be torn out from the floor up to, and including Darge Cove at base of Dome.

3rd The old arches, ribs, lookouts and other projections where they are sound to be set up in their original places; where decay has set in, or they are found defective, new ones must replace them; the whole to be well nailed, and securely braced so as to give a good ground work to take the plaster.

4th The walls, ceiling, arches, &c. to receive three coats of mortar, composed of the best wood burnt lime, clean sharp sand, laid on straight, and true, The last or third coat, to be a sand finished to

correspond with the plastering of the balance of the house. All arches, entablatures, cornices, mouldings to be run with the best brand Plaster Paris, and to be run and put up, an exact duplicate of what is now there. The three new arches one over ballastrade, and between stacks, and, one each over house of Delegates, and Senate chamber, doors, to be, a duplicate of the now existing arches, under Dome. The large arch varying only so far, as the drawing shows, and to conform to the stacks. The new entablatures to be added under the above arches to also be an exact counterpart of those under old work. All the above cast, and run work to be sharp straight, true, and free of all defects, job to be delivered up clean, and satisfactory to the Hon. Board of Public Works of Maryland.

5th The Columns if of wood to be, constructed of the very best White Pine, free from any and all defects turned up to a true fair, and smooth surface. If Scagliola they will be, of the finest finish, in imitation of Tennessee, or any other marble that may be selected by the Board.

As shown on drawing there will be added four half columns and two Pilasters, these will be finished in Parisian Cement and polished. The Columns will be set on brick piers built from

the ground, or level, of cellar floor, up to level of the Hall floor. These brick piers to be built with Cement, and the size of the square of the base of the Columns.

6th All the Plaster, and Stucco work in the ~~house~~ ^{rooms} to be thoroughly repaired wherever broken; the whole cleaned up, and whitened, such ^{as} is colored now to be colored again if so desired. The sash, frames, and all work of either Plaster, or Wood to be overhauled and repaired.

7th The Doorways from the Hall, Senate Chamber lobby, House of Delegates, and door under stairway, and also the windows to be trimmed, and supplied like the doors, and windows in the other parts of the House. The doorways in the Hall to have the frontispiece now over them, duplicated. The Library Doorway will be enlarged one foot each way, with new doors, jams &c. complete of the same design as the doorways now there.

8th The Stairway to be rebuilt, on old carriages. (The old lines to be preserved) with new, ash risers and two inch Ash Treads, the old Newels, and Balusters to be returned. The rails to be worked over. Two Figures ornamenting the Newels to be re-bronzed.

9th If Tile floor is selected it will be the best or equal to the best Italian Tile, white, and black twelve inches square bedded in Rosendale Cement, laid with close joints, and an even level floor secured; if brick tile are used the same process will be followed; if Greys Mastic Pavement is selected a true level floor will be attained, and a five year guarantee given to keep it in order

10th All Wood Work will be painted with three coats of John. F. Lewis Lead, and Pure Linseed Oil of such colors as the Board of Public Works may select. The Doors in the Hall to be grained Oak or Walnut, as may be directed.

11th Gas Pipe, of sufficient size to be run in the Hall so as to give two outlets, at each door. These outlets are to be provided with stiff Bracket fixtures two lights each. Outlets for Chandeliers to be provided for in the ceiling and capped up.

12th The State Coat of Arms, carefully taken down and replaced after the repairs are made, and painted again the same colors as now.

13th Finally it is the intention of these specifications accompanying drawings jointly to cover all the repairs to the Hall, and inner Dome of the State House and any item may be incidently omitted

that would render the job complete whether herein mentioned or not it shall be the contractors duty to do and perform faithfully without any extra charge so as to make the job complete in all its parts and satisfactory to the Hon. Board of Public Works of Maryland.

14th If the Floor is tiled in marble the washboards will be marble. If any other material is selected for the floor, the washboards will be wood.

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