

Draft 1.
with corrections & emendations
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The ~~X~~Hall of Records at Annapolis was erected by the State of Maryland to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the province. \$200,000⁰⁰ had been appropriated by the legislature for the construction and equipment of a building ^{to} ~~that should~~ house, and make available for research, all surviving documents pertaining to the history of the state; and a site had been ^{provided} ~~selected~~ at the south west end of the campus of St Johns college.

This site, by its ~~very~~ nature, offered a number of problems. The campus--a tree shaded green, 250'x800', is bordered on one of its long sides by a street, ^{- College Avenue -} and on the other by a row of ^{brick} five buildings dating roughly from the middle of the 18th ^{century} to the middle of the 19th ^{century}, the central building, ^{the} oldest and the largest, having a hip roof ~~and~~ crowned by a cupola. At right angles to this row ~~of buildings~~, closing one end of the college green stands ^{dignified} the ~~attractive~~ little college library; ^{in the Georgian manner} designed by T. Henry Randall, 35 years ago, ~~in the Georgian tradition~~.

At the other end of the college green, ^{structure} the site designated for the Hall of Records, naturally called for a ~~building~~ somewhat similar in size and position, to take its place as one of the college group, ^{and,} ~~indeed, there~~ ^{actually} ~~was actually~~ a condition attached to the use of the site ^{required} that the building to be erected there should have its principle facade and entrance