

The various departments are connected by book lift and intercommunicating telephones.

There was no question as to ^{the} character suitable for the design of the building. The event it was to commemorate, its purpose as a store house for ancient records, its situation in ^a town distinguished for its fine 18th century buildings and ~~on~~ the campus of a college dating ~~from~~ from the 17th century; all ^{emphasized} ~~indicated~~ the appropriateness of forms and materials characteristic of Maryland colonial architecture.

The construction is fireproof:-brick bearing walls, steel girders and reinforced concrete floor and roof slabs. The specially hand-made face brick--a reproduction in size, color and texture of the Annapolis colonial brick--is laid, with tight joints, in Flemish bond. The steps, coping and finials of the terrace walls are of white marble. The cornices, window frames and sash, and the entrance door, are of wood, while ^{parts} ~~features~~ particularly subject to deterioration, such as copings, window sills, and the capitals and bases of the pilasters, are of limestone, but ~~both~~ ^{alike} wood and limestone are finished to give a uniform white painted surface.

It may be of interest to note several aspects of the interior treatment. Here Colonial precedent, ^{furniture} especially in the matter of color was followed, though with necessary adaptations to changed conditions.