

The foundation stone of the State House was laid on the 28th of March, 1772, by Governor Eden.

In 1773, a copper roof was put on the State House, and in 1775, this roof was blown off. The Market House of the city was demolished by the same equinoctial gale, during which the tide rose three feet perpendicularly above the common level.

The dome was not added to the State House until after the revolution.

The dimensions of the State House are:

	Feet
From the platform to the cornice, about	36
" " cornice to top of arc, of roof	23
" " top of the roof to the cornice of the facade of the dome	30
" " cornice to the band above the elliptical windows	24
This terminates the view internally	113
From the band to the balcony	22
Height of the turret	17
From the cornice of the turret to the floor of the campanelle, or lantern	6
Height of campanelle, or lantern	14
Height of the pedestal and acorn	10
Height of the spire	<u>18 87</u>
Entire height	200
Diameter of the dome, at its base	40
Do. balcony	30
do. turret	17
do. campanelle, or lantern	10
do. acorn	3 8 in.
Length of the front of the building	120
Depth, (exclusive of the octagon)	82

The architect was Joseph Clarke. Thomas Dance who executed the stucco and fresco work, fell from the scaffold just as he had finished the centre piece, and was killed.