

THE TREASURY

Within the circle enclosing the state-house, on the eastern margin of the hill, stands the treasury department. This building is venerable as well as memorable, for having been the legislative hall of the provincial government. In the larger room, the lower house and in the smaller one, the upper house of assembly sat for many years; such accommodations contrast strikingly with those of the present day.

From the state-house and Episcopal church circles, respectively, many of the streets radiate, and intersect each other at convenient points. The plan is a peculiar and an agreeable one, when viewed from some prominent point.

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In the meantime, that is in 1694, under Governor Nicholson, the town land at Proctor's on the Severn, with Oxford on the east side of the bay, were made ports of entry at which collectors or agents should reside. The former called Anne Arundel town, was the next year called Annapolis; the assembly holding its session there, making it the seat of justice of the county as well as the seat of the colonial government. Thus were the feelings of the Catholics of St. Mary's, by a removal from amongst them, saved from some of that mortification the revolution here was calculated to inflict, and of that odium in others in which their triumph might induce rivals to indulge.

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In 1745, Mr. Jonas Green, who had been five years printer of the laws, commenced the paper called the Maryland Gazette, which he published weekly at Annapolis. It is continued by one of his descendants, twice a week, and it may be asserted without hazard, is the oldest establishment of the kind in North America.