

May 16, 1947.

Dear Mr. Perlman:

Enclosed is a five page summary of the information gathered by the Maryland Historical Society Committee on refurnishing the Old Senate Chamber under an appropriation of the Legislature (Acts of 1937, p. 1227). To summarize still further, the Committee located the following pieces of what might be called the "John Shaw 1797 design".

1 President's Chair	7 Senators' chairs	1 Governor's Chair
1 " Desk	4 " desks	4 Councilors' Chairs.
1 Clerks' Desk	Also a Windsor chair of convincing tradition.	

The Committee would like to have had the aid of a professional 'researcher', but lack of time and funds prevented employing such a person. I feel that a qualified person could find at the Hall of Records, the Maryland Historical Society, The Johns Hopkins University and the Library of Congress, very interesting and valuable data not only on furniture but also on the construction of the State House itself, the history of which is in a most confused state. The material in the Library of Congress should be returned to the State now that there is a suitable place to preserve it in the Hall of Records.

In regard to the moth problem in the Senate Chamber, the old one, the curtains might be taken to one of the firms that have gas chambers for killing insects. C.J. Benson says they have found Sanders Exterminator Co. 4906 Harford Road satisfactory. It is doubtful how effective this process is with upholstered furniture as it is impossible to tell if the gas has penetrated the stuffing or not. I should have a reply to by letter, on the possibility of obtaining material, by any mail now.

The lengthy enclosure is for reference, not to be read. It may be of use to a future investigator as a starter.

Sincerely yours,

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