

The State House Project

I Records and Index Inquiries:

In my search for information concerning the dome and lightning rod of the State House, I have examined and photocopied issues of the Maryland Gazette from 1780-1800 and the topical index 104. The news articles appeared:

- 1749/05/10 MG "Notice Hereby Given to the Citizens"
exhibition on electricity in Annapolis
contains various representations of lightning,
causes, and effects.
- 1764/08/30 MG "Experiments of Electricity"
Description of two public lectures given on
electricity on the violence of lightning.
- 1772/04/02 MG "Annapolis"
Governor Eden places cornerstone on the
foundation of the Stadt House.
- 1775/09/07 MG "Annapolis"
Violent storm damages copper roof
- 1785/02/24 MG "To be Contracted For..."
Dan. of St. Tho. Jenifer's notice of carpenters
work to be made to dome and roof under
execution of Joseph Clark.
*See Exec. Papers MSA S 1004 MDHR 6636-54-22/19
for payment of 300lb to Joseph Clark for
repairs to Governor and State Houses.
- 1785/04/ Advertisement by Clark for 30 carpenters to
erect cupola
- 1787/11/01 MG "Annapolis"
State house fire
- 1789/11/12 MG "Hartford: Electric Rods"
Description of the power of metallic rods to
extract and conduct lightning. Contains
description of rod in Hartford (100 lb and 1.5
inch in diameter)
- 1792/05/03 MG Advertisement for bids of contractors
- 1793/12/12 MG order of John Kilty, Clk. for Joseph Clark,
architect, to undertake repairs of Stadt-House.