

At the July 1779 session of the General Assembly, another committee was appointed to inspect the progress of the work on the State House and to report its findings. This report, given here in full, indicates that the work was well along but it also indicates that the State House was certainly not yet in use:

"By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the state of the Stadt-house:

"YOUR committee, in obedience to the order of the honourable house, have examined into the state of the Stadt-house, which they beg leave to report as follows, viz. That the vestibule and general court are not quite finished, but will be compleated in a few days, except the bar and seats for the lawyers, which Mr. Wallace thinks had better be left till the meeting of the court, to have their advice about the construction and position of them.

"The room intended for the house of delegates, the committee room, and gallery, are finished; The room intended for the senate wants a coat of plaister, one of paint, and the lower floor; this Mr. Wallace says shall be ready by the last of August, the gallery and committee-room almost finished.

"The two large rooms above stairs, viz. over those intended for the house of delegates and senate, and two smaller ones designed for jury-rooms, want a coat of paint. Four rooms for the public offices done, except whitewashing. The four rooms above the public offices not yet taken in hand. There are no steps to the public offices, which Mr. Wallace informed your committee he did not think himself obliged by his contract to provide.

"All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

"Signed by order ¹²
NICH. HARWOOD, Cl. Com."

At the next session, that of November 1779, the finishing touches were applied. Seats in the galleries were authorized, the room above the Senate Chamber was appropriated to the use of the Governor and Council, tables and seats were provided for their comfort and a Committee report was prepared prior to releasing Wallace. The last report of this committee follows: