

Government House Gets Placque On Front Gate

Name of Mansion as Suggested by Gov. Harry W. Nice, Is Put At Entrance—Seal of Maryland Used.

The old Executive Mansion today officially became "The Government House," as a bronze placque was erected on the front gate of the property.

Governor Harry W. Nice some months ago suggested that the name be changed to "The Government House," and the Company for the Restoration of Colonial Annapolis approved the idea. The company secretary, Peter H. Magruder, was active in bringing about the sign which was erected today.

The sign reads:

THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE
STATE OF MARYLAND
GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

The placque also contains the crest of Maryland.

The term Executive Mansion was never used until after 1869. Before the Revolutionary War period and 1869 the governors of Maryland lived in a house known as the "Government House of Maryland." It was located in the Naval Academy and was razed when the land was needed for other buildings.

Governor Nice said that he was changing the name back to its original designation to please Annapolis. "I for one highly favor the plan to restore Annapolis," the Governor said.