

mer elegance. The original cost of this building was \$150,000. For an account of the different courts see chapter x.

Custom House.—The custom house is in the south end of the Exchange. An additional building, intended for a store-house, has been commenced, at the S. E. corner of Gay and Water st

Dispensaries.—For affording medicines and medical advice gratuitously to the poor. These are two in number. See Eastern and General dispensaries.

Exchange.—The Baltimore Exchange is a large and tasteful edifice in Gay street, extending from Second to Water streets. The length is 240 feet, the depth, as it is called, 140. It is three stories high, including the basement. The dome is probably the largest in the United States, that of the Capital at Washington, not excepted; it is 115 feet in height and 53 feet in diameter. On each side of the great hall are placed six magnificent columns, of the Grecian Ionic order; these columns are of the finest Italian marble. The Exchange contains sundry commercial establishments and a reading room.



