

## PREFACE

Both the Constitutional Convention Commission of 1965-1967 and the Constitutional Convention of 1967-1968 documented their deliberations and proceedings with a view toward posterity. Records were carefully organized, arranged, and described for permanent preservation in the Hall of Records, the archives of the State of Maryland. The records selected for retention were those deemed essential to a thorough understanding of the manner in which the Commission and the Convention did their work. The work of assembling the archives fell to the presiding officer of both the Commission and the Convention, H. Vernon Eney, and to the archivist/historian appointed by the Convention, Sherrod E. East. The guidelines followed by Eney and East were, in the words of the former, to preserve the material that would show "how and why the Convention came into being; how it was organized and how it functioned . . . /and/ how the proposed Constitution evolved."

The following *Guide* describes the accumulated records by series, that is, by units of records of the same form that deal with a particular constitutional subject or that were created to document the work of a particular committee or office.

The initial arrangement of the records was devised by Eney and East. After Eney's death in 1980, his office files relating to the Constitutional Convention were transferred to the Hall of Records, augmenting the materials relating to the Constitutional Convention already in the custody of the archives. The entire collection was then sorted, arranged, and inventoried, resulting in the following finding aid.

The records of the Constitutional Convention Commission and Constitutional Convention are part of the public archives of the State of Maryland, and as with all such records are available for use in the public search room of the Hall of Records, Monday through Saturday.