

INTRODUCTION

It was the intent of the Legislature in authorizing the publication of the Maryland Manual to provide a ready reference book of important information concerning our State Government. My predecessors in office have endeavored over the years to carry out the mandate thus given and it is hoped that this volume will be found of equal value to those which have preceded it.

In addition to the Charter and Constitution of Maryland, and information concerning the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments, other executive and administrative departments, offices, boards, commissions and governmental agencies which have been created, educational institutions, city and county governments, the budget and financial condition of the State, much other valuable data, both of historical and present interest, will be found herein.

To all who have assisted in compiling the necessary material and publishing this Manual I desire to express my sincere appreciation.

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