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### CERTIFICATION OF THE CODE—OPINION AND LETTER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

At the suggestion of the late Judge Carroll T. Bond, who was then Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission, the Archivist asked, in 1941, for an official opinion as to whether he could certify printed portions of the Annotated Code. The Opinion reprinted here below from *Annual Report and Official Opinions of the Attorney General*, vol. 26, pp. 183-4, held that the Archivist did not have that authority.

The problem is far from academic, for attorneys from outside the State need, or feel that they need, certified sections of the Code whenever Maryland law is involved. Since it is the Hall of Records which is custodian of the original Acts of Assembly (deposited by the Court of Appeals after one session has intervened), we do have authority to certify these Acts. It is natural for attorneys to suppose that if any agency has authority to certify the Code, it is the Hall of Records. After receiving the opinion of the Attorney General, we inquired of other State agencies whether they