

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

The Hall of Records Commission is an ex officio body, created by Chapter 18, Acts of 1935, to collect and preserve the non-current records of Maryland and to encourage research and investigation in the history of the State. Since passage of this Act, additional duties have been assigned the Staff of the Hall of Records: it is responsible for compiling and editing the *Maryland Manual*; it has been made a depository for all State agency publications; it administers the State Records Management Program; it is responsible for the microfilming of all current land records and for providing two copies of the film, a negative for the Land Office and a positive for use by the State Tax Commission in the preparation of tax maps; it is also responsible for microfilming the proceedings of the General Assembly at the end of each legislative day. The work of the Hall of Records Commission is performed at the Hall of Records building in Annapolis. (Flack's Code 1951, Article 41, Sections 121, 148-157; Chapters 436, 437, Acts of 1953.)

The members of the Commission and the offices which they held in fiscal year 1955 were:

- Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland:
HONORABLE FREDERICK W. BRUNE, *Chairman* Baltimore
- President of St. John's College:
DR. RICHARD D. WEIGLE, *Vice-Chairman* Annapolis
- Governor of Maryland:
HONORABLE THEODORE R. MCKELVIN Annapolis
- Comptroller of The Treasury:
HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES Crisfield
- President of the Maryland Historical Society:
HONORABLE GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE Baltimore
- President of the Board of Peabody Institute:
WILLIAM L. MARBURY, Esq. Baltimore
- President of The Johns Hopkins University:
DR. LOWELL J. REED Baltimore

No meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held during fiscal year 1956. The meeting of May 17, 1955 was, of course, covered in the Report for fiscal year 1955, and the meeting of August 9, 1956 will be summarized in the Annual Report for fiscal year 1957. Letters were written to the members of the Commission informing them of various aspects of our work, appointments were tentatively approved by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman who form the Executive Committee, and the report of the Auditor on the financial affairs of the Hall of Records was forwarded to each member.

There were no changes in the membership of the Commission.