

The Maryland Historical Society is also a large holder of Maryland records. It acquired them during the 19th century when, from time to time, the State transferred records to its custody since it had no proper place to keep them. There was an indirect quid-pro-quo involved. The Historical Society was given the funds to begin publishing the *Maryland Archives* and to repair and make available certain others of the records. In the course of time, many of these records have become interfiled with other records of the Society, and the Society has lacked the time and staff to sort them out. The bulk of them, however, were returned in 1937, and from time to time since then dribbles, mainly of loose papers, have come to the Hall of Records.

Perhaps the Library of Congress can still be persuaded to let its Maryland records go; and the Maryland Historical Society, embarking as it is on an expanded program within its handsome new building, will now have the opportunity to examine its manuscript collection thoroughly and separate the archives of the State from its own rich collection. It is to be hoped so.

Respectfully submitted,

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