

A meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held on Friday,
October 4th, at ¹⁹⁴⁰ 2:30 P.M. at the Hall of Records in Annapolis. Those present
were:

The Chairman, Chief Judge Carroll T. Bond

The State Comptroller, Hon. J. Millard Tawes, Jr.

The President of the Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Isaiah Bowman

The President of the Board of the Peabody Institute, Dr. J. Hall Pleasants
College,

The President of St. John's, Dr. Frank Stringfellow Barr

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor was called away at the last moment and tele-
phoned his regrets at not being present. Senator George L. Radcliffe sent
a telegram which was read at the meeting, stating that he had been detained in
Washington by pressing business of the Senate.

The Minutes of the informal meeting of April 5th were read. The Chairman
appointed Dr. Morris L. Radoff, Archivist, Secretary for the meeting.

The members of the Commission inspected some of the new equipment in the
photoduplication room and the new installation on the 6th deck of the stacks.
There was an exhibit of the indexing and repair work of the Hall of Records
in the meeting room. The Commission was also shown the work of the bindery
which had been installed in the Hall of Records since the last meeting. There
were also several volumes of original records which have been recently deposited
at the Hall of Records by the following agencies:

The St. John's College

The Prince George's County Court

The Office of the Adjutant-General of Maryland, and

The Board of Visitors of the Maryland Penitentiary

Discussion of the problem of a publications program for the Hall of Records was opened by the Chairman. All the members of the Commission took part in this discussion which was terminated by a resolution proposed by Dr. Bowman as follows:

"Resolved that it is the sense of the Hall of Records Commission that a publications program be begun and that during the ensuing fiscal biennium (1941-1943) the Hall of Records shall begin publication of liber A of the Court records of Prince George's County."

Judge Bond thereupon offered an amendment that an appropriation should be asked for this purpose and that publication should be started only if this appropriation were granted. Dr. Bowman accepted the amendment proposed by Judge Bond and offered a supplement to his resolution as follows:

"That the Commission initiate discussion with the Council of the Maryland Historical Society for the purpose of clarifying the whole problem of the publication of Maryland Governmental Records." This resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Pleasants reported to the Commission that there are in the vaults of the Maryland Historical Society a collection of loose manuscript papers designated in the Library of the Society as the Maryland Executive Papers. During the incumbency of Governor Edwin Warfield (1904-1908), the basement of the State House was cleaned out

and large numbers of old papers are said to have been then destroyed or sold as old paper. Mr. Louis H. Dielman, hearing of this, applied to the then Secretary of State, Mr. N. Winslow Williams, to have the remaining papers given to the Historical Society, which was done by Mr. Winslow with the approval of Governor Warfield. It is this collection, known as the Maryland Executive State Papers, which Dr. Pleasants feels might appropriately be given by the Historical Society to the Hall of Records. He suggested that formal application be made by the Hall of Records Commission to this end.

It was moved and seconded that the Hall of Records Commission through its Chairman make a formal request to the Council of the Historical Society for the transfer of these papers to the Hall of Records. The resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tawes then proposed that the Hall of Records Commission take action to help in the preservation of those records throughout the State which are now in need of repair, and he also proposed informally that a Commission be appointed to assist in determining when certain records of a nonpermanent nature should be destroyed. The Archivist was asked to discuss these matters further with Mr. Tawes and to report at the next meeting of the Hall of Records Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission

the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. subject to the call of
the Chairman.

Carroll J. Bond

Chairman

Morris S. Radloff

Acting Secretary