

A meeting of the Commission was held in the Trustees Room of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, on the twenty-sixth of May, 1936, at three o'clock.

Those present were:

Judge Carroll T. Bond
General Clinton T. Riggs
General Lawrason Riggs
Dr. Isaiah Bowman, President of Johns Hopkins
Mr. William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller of Maryland
Colonel A.W.W. Woodcock, President of St. John's
Dr. J. A. Robertson, Archivist

It was moved and carried that Judge Bond, Comptroller Gordy and Colonel Woodcock be a committee with power to make future appointments on the staff of the Hall of Records as funds become available.

It was moved and carried that the question of collecting biographies be kept alive for the time being.

It was moved and carried that the collection of Indian relics of Mr. William B. Mary's be accepted and properly labeled.

It was moved and carried that the Commission accept all books that are offered to it and that the Chairman then distribute them as he thinks wise.

The Commission adjourned at four o'clock.

A.W.W. Woodcock
Secretary

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE
HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

MAY 26, 1936.

Pursuant to call, the Commission met in the Trustees' room of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, at 3 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 1936.

There were present, the Chairman, Judge Carroll T. Bond, Mr. William Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller, General Lawrason Riggs, President of the Peabody Institute, General Clinton L. Riggs, President of the Maryland Historical Society, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, President of Johns Hopkins University, and Colonel Amos W. W. Woodcock, President of St. John's College.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Chief Deputy State Comptroller, was present at the request of the Chairman, to give the meeting the benefit of his information as to the finances of the State.

Dr. James A. Robertson, the Archivist, acted as secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman reported the progress of the work of the Hall, and reported at length the needs of the institution in increases of staff and equipment, and increases of salaries of several members of the staff to place them on a level with similar State employments.

After a review of the possibilities of increases of appropriations, it was voted that increases in the staff, their salaries, and the equipment of the Hall, be made at this time within such limits as the Chairman, Mr. Gordy, and Colonel Woodcock may in further conference find imposed by financial conditions, and that the action taken be reported to the whole Commission at the next meeting.

And it was further voted that the completion of the staff, salaries, and equipment, after the present provision, be deferred until another meeting.

Upon the report of the Chairman that a collection of State records and documents heretofore preserved for the State in the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, is ready for delivery and deposit in the Hall, in compliance with the Act of Assembly of 1935, Chapter 18, it was voted that as the Act required that the Hall of Records should henceforth be the depository of historical records and documents owned by the State, and the Hall was now ready to receive and preserve all such records and documents; the Maryland Historical Society be informed of the fact and requested to deliver at its convenience to Dr. James A. Robertson, the Archivist, the records and documents heretofore preserved by the Historical Society for the State.

Voted further that the Archivist or the Chairman, or both, if requested, be, and they, or either of them is, authorized to give the Historical Society a receipt for whatever is delivered, for the Commission.

A letter embodying this resolution and making the request was signed by all members of the Commission present.

After discussion, the Chairman was authorized to accept for the Commission a deposit of Indian relics, belonging to the Maryland Historical Society, and now deposited in the old House of Delegates chamber in the State House, and have them arranged and displayed in the basement show room of the Hall, under the vestibule, when cases for the purpose shall be acquired.

It was voted that any printed books which may be given to the Hall, other than such as may contain valuable manuscript material, shall be placed by the Chairman in such of the libraries in the State or Baltimore City as may appear appropriate with respect to particular volumes given.

A question of adding to the functions of the Hall that of collecting biographical sketches of living persons for reference in future years, was, after discussion, deferred for further consideration.

The Chairman repeated to the meeting expressions of satisfaction with the Hall, and the handling of its work, by Dr. R.D.W. Connor, Archivist of the National Archives, in Washington.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was adjourned subject to call by the Chairman.

James A. Robertson
Secretary

Carroll R. Bond
Chairman