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PROPOSED AGENDA

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION MEETING

Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury
State Treasury Building
Annapolis, Maryland

June 18, 1974 12 noon

1. Call to order by the Chairman, Judge Murphy.
2. Minutes of the meeting of January 22, 1974.
Dr. Radoff
3. The Harford Declaration - a permanent home sought.
Judge Albert P. Close
4. Proposal to publish the Brice Account Book.
Dr. Papenfuse
5. Progress in the search for a new Archivist.
Mr. Lewis
6. The Maryland Manual - should it be published in the odd
or even years?
Mr. Lewis and Mr. Zee
7. Plans for enlarging the Hall of Records.
Dr. Weigle and Mr. Lewis
8. The Scharf Papers - the xerox project needs additional
funding. A copy of the conditions of the original gift
to The Johns Hopkins University in 1891 has been copied
for you.
Dr. Muller, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Filby and Dr. Radoff

MINUTES
OF THE
HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION MEETING

June 18, 1974

The meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was called to order by the Chairman, The Honorable Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals. The meeting was held in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, The Honorable Louis L. Goldstein. Mr. Goldstein offered a luncheon to the members of the Commission; the business meeting, therefore, began only at 12:30 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of January 22, 1974 were not read but were approved on the basis of the corrected version which had been previously mailed to each member. There were present in addition to the Chairman: Dr. Weigle, Vice Chairman of the Commission; The Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; Samuel Hopkins, Esq., President of the Maryland Historical Society. In addition to the members of the Commission, there were present: Dr. Papenfuse, Assistant Archivist of the Hall of Records; Mr. Robin J. Zee, Director of the Office of Central Services; Mr. William Filby, Director of the Maryland Historical Society and Dr. Harry Woolf, Provost of The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Woolf was present in the place of Dr. Muller, President of The Johns Hopkins University, who, had been called to attend a meeting in Washington, D.C., and

Mr. Zee was present in the place of Mr. George R. Lewis, Secretary of the Department of General Services, who was ill.

The first item on the agenda which was considered was the proposal of Dr. Papenfuse to publish, with the assistance of Mr. Frank White of the Hall of Records, 'The Brice Account Book,' the property of the Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 9 of the Masons. The Commission favored this publication project and passed a favorable resolution herewith attached. Judge Murphy directed that Dr. Radoff forward this resolution to the Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter.

The next item of business was the question of whether the Maryland Manual should continue to be published in even years or whether date of publication should be changed to odd years. The Commission voted that the Maryland Manual should appear in odd years in the future and that in even years there would be a supplement published. There followed a discussion on the contents of such a supplement. It was agreed that a proposed index of the supplement be prepared by Dr. Papenfuse to be distributed to the Commission members for their comments. At this point in the meeting, Judge Albert P. Close of the Circuit Court of Harford County arrived accompanied by Mr. J. Edmund Bull, President of the Harford County Historical Society and Mr. Jon Livezey, a member of the Harford County Historical Society and a member of the House of Delegates from Harford County. Judge Close advised the Commission that the 'Bush' or 'Harford Declaration' had been restored to the Office of the Clerk of the Court and that he would like to have it remain

there as an exhibit of the Harford County Historical Society. Dr. Radoff brought up the question of whether it belonged to the Hall of Records since it is a public document created before April 28, 1788. After some discussion, it was decided to leave the legal ownership moot, but that in the meanwhile, the Society and Judge Close could proceed with their plans for the exhibition of the document. They also agreed to leave the 'Minutes of the Committee of Observation,' of which the Declaration is only a single page, at the Hall of Records to allow for its photostating for the use of the public.

Dr. Weigle exhibited the plans and drawings for enlarging the Hall of Records in accordance with the concepts that Dr. Weigle had previously proposed. Dr. Weigle has presented the plans and drawings to the Faculty, but not yet to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Weigle suggested that the drawings be modified to the extent of removing certain walls. When the revised drawings are completed he will present the plans to the Board of Trustees who will meet again in September.

Also, because of Mr. Lewis' absence, Mr. Zee reported that thus far, only six applications had been received for the position of Archivist of Maryland but that we can expect a fuller report at the next meeting.

The last item on the agenda was the question of ownership of the Scharf Papers. At the January 22 meeting the Maryland Historical Society had agreed to xerox all of the Scharf Papers for use at the Hall of Records. Mr. Filby had, at that time,

proposed that perhaps \$5,000 would be sufficient to pay the cost of this operation, but it now appears that he had underestimated the quantity and that he now states that an additional \$3,500 would be necessary to complete the task. Dr. Radoff suggested that a great deal of the xerox material was unuseable and that the additional \$3,500 should not be granted until some further thought was given as to the ultimate destination of these Papers. This was agreed upon and a committee was appointed by Judge Murphy to undertake a study of the problem. The committee consists of Dr. Woolf, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Zee and Dr. Papenfuse.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. sine die.

Robert C. Murphy, Chairman
Hall of Records Commission

Morris L. Radoff, Secretary