

depositories of the country. This resulted in copying the early periods before the series were bound for exchange between the states and in filling gaps when the copies are now rare items. Terminal supplements can be added as a broader objective and may appear desirable later.

Part 1 has been arranged with less precision than the other printed series. This has been due to the fact that the materials do not lend themselves to exactness of arrangement. It is difficult to check these collections for omissions because of the variations in format and irregularities in document numbering and in pagination. In many cases the only integrity of a volume of Collected Public Documents is a loose binding thrown around a group of unnumbered reports.

From time to time states have issued companion series of collected documents. In such cases Executive Documents will be indicated by D.11 and Legislative Documents by D.12. When a companion series was printed for each house of the legislature, Senate Documents will be indicated by D.12a and House Documents by D.12b.

Location symbols in the tables of contents show that the Library of Congress, the Massachusetts State Library and the Library of the University of North Carolina, in that order, furnished most of Part 1 and that a number of State Libraries contributed for particular states. Collected Public Documents—A Check List was published by the National Association of State Libraries and prepared in conjunction with this work.

Part 2 includes the same types of materials as Part 1 at times when they were not bound in collected form, but were issued in a number of series by separate agencies. The purpose is to reconstruct these series by incorporating in the collection reports issued previous to the collected documents and to group each set of reports on separate reels of film. In some cases the materials will be of sufficient volume to arrange different agencies on companion series of reels. The long established groups of reports have separate classification numbers, D.21 for Governor's messages, etc. In cases of the Auditor, D.22, Comptroller, D.23 and Treasurer, D.24. In order to present the record of the fiscal officers prior to the period of printed reports, original reports in manuscript and also the large ledger account books of those offices have been copied. When reports are not sufficient in volume to require a separate reel or number of reels, they will be grouped and their classification symbols will appear under the unit numbers. Under D.25 are grouped reports of all other departments, boards and commissions. If these reports are not voluminous enough to require separate reels or series of reels, they will follow an assigned alphabetical order indicated under the unit numbers.

Part 3 will include a grouping of the publications and papers of temporary agencies when the volume of material is sufficient to organize a reel; otherwise Part 3 may be combined with Part 2.