

appear on these pages begin December 12, 1638, and end October 28, 1642; p. 91 is blank; pages 92 to 118 are missing, neither the index nor the parts of leaves remaining indicating any entries for these pages; p. 119 blank. The fourth part begins with p. 120, being an index to Accompts of Estates, which follow on pages 121 to 130, beginning April 29, 1639, and ending May 7, 1640. The last remaining leaf (pp. 129-130?) is so damaged at the top that the names and dates cannot be given. According to the index on p. 120 the volume lacks 8 pp. at the end, but whether they precede or follow the damaged leaf above mentioned cannot be determined. Comparing this volume with the copy made in 1725, the record is as complete now as it was then, with the exception of the separation of the first leaf (pp. 1-2) from the book, which some one has framed and hung on the wall of the library of the Society. In binding the volume after 1725 the last leaf of Liber A, 1647-1650, was by some mistake added to this volume. The volume is written in the court or record hand of the 17th century, and the writing, with the exception of the Inventory of May 24, 1639, p. 67, is identical throughout.

Many of the entries are signed by Leonard Calvert, the first Governor; John Lewger, the Secretary of the Province; Thomas Cornwaleys, of the Council; George Evelin, of the Isle of Kent; Henry Fleete, and others.

It is the earliest original record book in our possession.

The volume was transferred to the Society's custody by a Resolution of the General Assembly in 1846. It has been briefly described by Drs. Alexander and Allen, and was used in their *Calendar of Maryland State Papers*, volume I.

#### COPY IN FULL.

Land Office Records, L. O. R., Liber No. 2, pp. 1-190, made in 1725 is a full and careful copy (with the addition of one entry, Sep. 22, 1638) of every entry in the book, except the entries on p. 9, p. 32, three entries on p. 79, and pp. 1-3 of Testamentary papers, and the Wills. The spelling is modernized to that of the year 1725.

The correctness of the copy is attested by the copyist and reader on oath before the Judge of the Provincial Court, and witnessed by three of the Commission on the Records.

#### COPIES IN PART.

The Commissions, Proclamations and a few other entries appear in a volume made between 1733 and 1750, and bearing the title of *Council Proceedings 1636 to 1657*. This copy was taken from the original, as is shown by marks of transcription on the margin of the latter. It is not a faithful copy, a line here and there, and even a paragraph, being omitted.

The Warrant to Evelin in 1637, the Journal of Proceedings and Acts of the Assembly 1637/8, the Assessments, and the accounts of John