

to which they were addressed. The sources from which the material in the Appendix has been derived will be fully noted under each item and in the Introduction.

For a thorough understanding of the important matters which came before the Assembly at this period and the political controversies to which they gave rise, this volume should be studied in connection with the light thrown upon them by such contemporary records as the *Correspondence of Horatio Sharpe* (*Archives of Maryland XXV*), the *Proceedings of the Council* (*ibid XXXII*), the weekly issues of the *Maryland Gazette*, and contemporary pamphlets and broadsides from the press of Jonas Green. Valuable contemporary manuscript material will be found in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, made more readily available by the recent publication by it of the *Calendar of the Black Books*; and also in the special collections known as the Calvert Papers, the Gilmor Papers, and the Bordley Papers in the Maryland Historical Society. Charles Albro Barker in his recent *The Background of the Revolution in Maryland*, 1940, gives the most comprehensive picture of the events of this period which has yet been written.

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The volume of the *Archives* to follow will continue the Court Series, and will contain the *Proceedings of the County Court of Charles County, 1666-1674*.

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