

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the Members of the Maryland Historical Society:

This volume of the proceedings of the Provincial Court of Maryland, 1675-1677, is Volume LXVI of the *Archives of Maryland* and number 11 of the series on the courts. The seventh volume of the Provincial Court records, it begins on November 16, 1675, where Volume LXV ended, and continues to April 28, 1677. Like Volume LXV, it is printed just as exactly as a good modern press can do it. It was set directly from photostats of the original Liber NN, now in the Land Office at Annapolis. Much that was said in the transmittal of Volume LXV is equally true of Volume LXVI. Again this time, where the manuscript has two columns of figures side by side, it has been necessary to print them as two single columns (*post*, p. 419).

The handwriting of Liber NN continues to trouble the twentieth-century reader, although it is not quite so bad as that in the preceding liber. A new scribe appears, or, at least, a new handwriting, and his copy is much easier to read. His use of capital letters remains capricious and uncertain, but his capitals and his lower-case letters are not so hard to distinguish: there is usually little doubt whether he wrote a lower-case or upper-case S. When he understood that what he was writing was hard to read, he took pains to write with unusual clearness.

Volume LXVII, on which work has already been begun, will carry on the record of the Provincial Court. It will begin in June 1677 and will continue to 1679. Like this volume, it will be printed from Liber NN.

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