aids the Director in preparing a tentative budget for the Governor's consideration and reviews all budget amendments presented by the various State agencies. The Bureau may investigate the necessity for all expenditures (Code 1951, 1955 supp., Art. 15A, secs. 15-23).

## Purchasing Bureau

The head of the Purchasing Bureau is also appointed by the Director. This Bureau is charged with the purchase of all supplies, material and equipment for the use of State agencies. A warehouse is maintained for the storage of supplies paid for out of the Revolving Fund of \$300,000. Supplies stocked by the Warehouse are purchased from it by State agencies who are invoiced and make payment to the Revolving Fund in the same manner as to other vendors. (Code 1951, 1955 supp., Art. 15A, secs. 24-29).

As of March 1, 1949, the Department assumed the responsibility of distribution of donable foods from the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to public and private eleemosynary institutions and agencies in the State of Maryland. There are 142 such institutions and agencies serving 28,000 persons.

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