

a little, the appearance of the volume, the reprinting of which will be pushed as speedily as possible.

The society has also to report that it has, through the labors of one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr. Henry F. Thompson, discovered the existence, in the Public Record Office in London, of quite a number of records which are missing from the State files, and which it is of great importance should be copied at an early date so that as the succeeding volumes of Archives shall be published these records may appear therein in their proper chronological order. The making of these copies in London will entail an unusual expense, as some of the breaks in the State's records are considerable. Thus there is missing the proceedings of the lower house during the year 1700, and from March 26th, 1702, to December 5th, 1704, as also the proceedings of the council between the 16th August, 1708, and the 27th October, 1714, and a number of other breaks for smaller periods of time. A portion of these is matter which in its proper order should appear in the next Volume, No. XXIV, and the society therefore urgently recommends that for the next two years the annual appropriation be increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500, such increased appropriation to be for the purpose of having made the necessary copies in London, to complete, as far as may be, the breaks at present existing in the records of the State.

The statement of the treasurer of the receipts and disbursements since the last report to the General Assembly is appended hereto. The apparently considerable balance in hand is due to the fact that Volume XXIII not having been received from the printer because of the fire, the cost of its publication has, of course, not yet been paid, but this will be required at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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