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- Balance Book 1**, Liber RD No. 1, p. 1-136 (double pages)  
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- Balance Book 3**, Liber MM No. 2, p. 1-181 (double pages)  
1759-1763.
- Balance Book 4**, Liber GM No. 1, p. 1-179  
1763-1766.
- Balance Book 5**, Liber EV No. 1, p. 1-403 (p. 1-157 double pages)  
1766-1770.  
*verso* p. 1-27 is a Book of Entry for all papers  
returned to the Prerogative Office by the Deputy  
Commissaries, 1767.
- Balance Book 6**, Liber EV No. 2, p. 1-354 1770-1774.
- Balance Book 7**, Liber EV No. 3, p. 1-78 1775-1776.

#### ORIGINAL PAPERS

When the Register of Wills for Anne Arundel County distributed the original papers of the Prerogative Court to the various counties in 1779 and 1783, he naturally retained the papers relating to Anne Arundel in his own custody. He also retained various other papers which belonged to the Prerogative Court proper. By the time these papers were transferred to the Land Office, they were regarded as a single collection. The distinction between the two types of papers had been forgotten or was no longer considered important. The papers are now divided on a different basis. One group contains wills only and is called *Original Wills*. They are arranged alphabetically and the wills filed under each letter are numbered from one to the end. All the other papers have been grouped together under the heading *Testamentary Papers*. They include administration bonds, inventories, accounts, libels, summons, commissions, deputy commissaries' returns, etc. The papers are arranged chronologically except that all the papers relating to an estate are filed together.

**Testamentary Papers**, 96 boxes, 1659-1777.

**Original Wills**, 32 boxes, 1666-1777.