

about 3,000 papers of the Provincial Court. Opinions of the Court for 1934-1935 have been unfolded, labelled and boxed. Work on Opinions is now complete for the whole period in which this collection is found at the Hall.

Engrossed Laws of Maryland: about 5,000 of these laws were unfolded, labelled and boxed during the year. An additional 8,000 which had previously been boxed without having been labelled on the folders were so labelled. Work on the laws, begun five years ago, is now complete from the beginning through the Assembly session of 1935. Indexes are not necessary as there are indexes to the printed Laws and an elaborate index for the whole period is being prepared by the Legislative Librarian. Only one year, 1839, was discovered to be numbered differently from the printed laws. Comparative lists of the numbers have now been completed but unfortunately this was not done in time to assist in locating original charters for the remarkable numbers of institutions which celebrated their centennials last year.

Adjutant General: The last of these papers, 8,500, were unfolded this year. They are now being labelled. The material is so vast and so miscellaneous in character that no plan of arrangement has been devised, even the simplest chronological order is not feasible.

Perhaps as much of this sort of work was done in the stacks in the past year as in the previous four. This good record of accomplishment is due directly to the fact that one person has been put on a full-time basis there. Moreover, this type of work can be done extremely well by WPA workers. During the course of the year there have been five or six persons working with Mr. Skordas. His task is heavy, however, for all the old materials must be unfolded and arranged before they can be accessioned and finally catalogued, while at the same time he is required without fail to prepare thorough lists of newly arrived materials so that the accessioning will not fall further behind than it has already.

The construction work in the stacks has also made additional work there. Temporary shelves to accommodate a great amount of miscellaneous materials had to be removed from the sixth deck, and room had to be made for the materials on this deck elsewhere in the Hall. The first general shifting about since the beginning of the Hall is also now in progress. And like house moving, it is laborious, expensive and discouraging. Moreover, five full-time workers unfolding and boxing have used an enormous supply of folders and boxes as well as of steel shelves, all of which must be bought from funds in our ordinary budget.

## ACCESSIONS OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

During the course of the year the effort to systematize the handling of gifts and deposits of private papers was continued. The following