

wise the unfolding and arranging of a bundle of Court of Appeals Judgments or of a bundle of Engrossed Laws makes it easier to locate original affidavits often needed again or the charter of a company now seeking revision or wishing to trade outside the State. All aids to research of this type are considered elsewhere in this report.

There has been, in addition, a good deal of progress at the Hall in the preparation of more immediate tools of research such as indexes, lists, analyses, catalogues, and these are listed together here for convenience although some of them appear again in the report for other departments.

1. Index to Deeds, Anne Arundel County: The Deed books through 1778 had been transferred to the Hall, but since the indexes had remained at the Court-house, research was difficult. A photostatic copy of that part of the original index which covers the period of the transferred records was made. 3 vols. 750 pages.

2. Index to Deeds, Baltimore County: Deed Records through 1800 had been transferred from Baltimore City. The Index remained in Baltimore making the record in Annapolis almost useless to researchers. Later an old index was found in Baltimore and sent to Annapolis but it was in such bad condition that it was withdrawn by the Archivist after a year's service. It was then too late to photograph it, as a good deal had been lost from the edges. A laborious hand transcription was begun in October 1939. At the end of this fiscal year it had been completed through the letter W, and at this writing it is complete through the period covered by the old indexes (1787). Now the index is being completed to 1800 from individual volume indexes and from the record. 3 vols. 1,800 pages.

3. Rainbow Series: When this large and much-used collection of State Papers was transferred from the Maryland Historical Society to the Hall of Records, the very brief but useful calendar remained at the Society. Apparently Dr. Robertson did not know of the existence of this calendar for at great trouble to himself he prepared an almost identical list for part of the series, and then pressed for time less useful lists of names and subjects for entire volumes. This list was prepared for the purposes of an insurance policy for this material. It remained at the Hall in the form of pencilled notes. Since there is no arrangement of these papers, researchers were forced to go through the whole collection page by page. It was decided to have Dr. Robertson's notes typewritten; when this was complete the Archivist was told of the calendar at the Historical Society. This list was borrowed for photostating. We now have, therefore, two lists, neither one of which is adequate. A Calendar should be prepared, but the difficulties to be surmounted are tremendous, for example there are many papers of the same period and of the same value which were not included in the Rainbow Series and which are now in the vaults of the Hall of Records. Many of these letters have been published as have many of the unbound papers, but it is sometimes impossible to know what has been published, since the editors of the printed Archives at times marked them as printed and at other times did not. The record of those published elsewhere was