

PHOTODUPLICATION

The earnings of the photoduplication department increased to \$258 this year over \$230 for the preceding year. Part of this difference is due to a real increase in the quantity of copies ordered, the rest to the fact that we have tried to persuade researchers to accept photostatic instead of typewritten copies, and we have succeeded so well that no typed copies were called for. It will be recalled that the photographic facilities are shared by the Land Office, and a great deal of work is done for other State offices. The State offices, for the most part do not pay for these services, and all of the work for private persons in Annapolis is handled, because of long custom, through the Land Office.

In addition to its normal work, the Hall of Records began this year to make photostatic copies of some of the County Land and Court records which had been transferred to its vaults. These copies are placed in the courthouse. During the last year the Clerks of the Court of Prince George's and Frederick Counties contributed \$1,000 and \$700 respectively for this work, but it is hoped that in the future it will be possible to avoid asking for such contributions. During the course of the year the following work was done on this program:

Prince George's County Liber A. and Liber C.

Frederick County Judgment Record, 1748-1750 and Judgment
Record 1751

Somerset County Liber I. K. L.

A large microfilm order was completed for the New York Public Library. The originals from which these films were made, early Upper and Lower House Journals, are in the State Library, but we were willing to lend our microfilm facilities since there is none other in Annapolis and since the project of collecting complete files of all the journals of all the early Legislatures, is extremely worthwhile. We were also able to add to our own collection by means of the microfilm. Mr. John W. Garrett has in his possession some of the early court minutes of the Anne Arundel Court and he graciously permitted us to make copies to add to our own Anne Arundel County collection.