

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

The Hall of Records Commission is an ex-officio body created by Chapter 18, Acts of 1935. Its present members and the office by virtue of which each serves on the Commission are given below:

Chief Judge, Court of Appeals:

HONORABLE OGLE MARBURY, Chairman.....Laurel

Governor:

HONORABLE HERBERT R. O'CONNOR.....Annapolis

Comptroller of the Treasury:

HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES.....Crisfield

President of the St. John's College:

MR. STRINGFELLOW BARR.....Annapolis

President of the Maryland Historical Society:

HONORABLE GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE.....Baltimore

President of the Board of the Peabody Institute:

DR. J. HALL PLEASANTS.....Baltimore

President of the Johns Hopkins University:

DR. ISAIAH BOWMAN.....Baltimore

Two meetings of the Hall of Records Commission were held in the course of the year. In both cases the place of meeting was the Hall of Records in Annapolis. The first meeting, October 30, 1944, was attended by Judge Marbury, Senator Radcliffe, Mr. Tawes and Mr. Barr. Judge Marbury reported that Dr. Pleasants and he, accompanied by the Archivist, had appeared before the Legislative Council to urge the passage of a bill requiring the transfer to the Hall of Records of all county records antedating the adoption of the Federal Constitution by Maryland. Judge Marbury also reported that he and Dr. Pleasants had discussed a division of the task of publishing early Maryland records between the Maryland Historical Society and the Hall of Records. This matter was discussed further by the members of the Commission but no conclusion was reached.

At the suggestion of the Archivist, the Commission ruled that the Hall of Records might be made available for exhibits and lectures having to do with the history of this region. The Archivist was asked to prepare a questionnaire designed to