

His patience in these matters—certainly trivial in comparison with his other business, however important to us—was exemplary. In addition Mr. Tawes as a former Clerk of the Court of Somerset County has been especially interested in our efforts to assist local officers in the care of their records. It was because of this interest that the first Eastern Shore county agreed to send its old records to the Hall of Records. The successors to Governor O'Connor and Mr. Tawes will be determined at the General Election in November.

Since no meeting of the Commission was held during the year, a summary report on unfinished business will perhaps be useful. No agreement has as yet been reached with the Council of the Maryland Historical Society in regard to a division of historical materials between the Society and the Hall of Records for publication purposes. In the meanwhile, the Hall of Records has continued to enlarge its series of printed finding media of which two were prepared during the past year.

The matter of a division of fields of acquisition between the Society and the Hall of Records was discussed at length by the Director of the Society and the Archivist and a tentative agreement was reached subject to the approval of the Council of the Society and the Hall of Records Commission.

In cooperation with the Librarian of Congress the Hall of Records is now engaged in a project for copying the microfilm reproduction of our older records which was made during the war as an insurance measure. The original negative has been removed from the C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick, Maryland where it was deposited during the war, and sent to the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress will retain this negative and provide three positive copies one of which it will retain; the other two will be sent to the Huntington Library and to the Public Record Office in London. The Library of Congress will pay three thousand dollars of the cost, the Hall of Records eight hundred and twenty-five dollars. The Archivist is grateful to the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Luther H. Evans, and to the Trustees of the C. Burr Artz Library for their many kindnesses in regard to these films.

Maintenance of the Hall of Records was assumed by the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds for a one-year trial period. As the Hall of Records Commission had no opportunity to