

	1947-48	1946-47	1945-46
Accounts, Frederick County	30	34	20
Judicials, Somerset County	30	—	—
Inventories, Charles County	27	20	4
Wills, Original	25	33	78
Executive Papers	23	—	—
Oaths of Allegiance	22	22	1
Revolutionary Papers	20	—	—

As the figures given below will indicate, the number of letters written to persons seeking information from our records continued to increase in spite of the fact that beginning April 1, 1948, the Bureau of Information began to function, and a large number of the routine inquiries coming to the Hall of Records were channeled to this new agency. The Hall of Records, by continually increasing its indexes, is able to give satisfactory answers by mail to an ever larger number of such mail inquiries without increasing the time of the staff required for this service.

Our letters went to forty-two states of the Union, the District of Columbia, six foreign countries, and one Army and one Navy foreign postoffice.

Number of letters written Fiscal Year 1946....	814
Number of letters written Fiscal Year 1947....	1,007
Number of letters written Fiscal Year 1948....	1,137

The increasing number of telephone inquiries led us to keep some account of this service for the first time in the course of the last fiscal year. Unfortunately, no system was evolved until after the year had well begun. For ten months there were about 100 such inquiries.

AIDS TO RESEARCH

During the course of the fiscal year two published works of major importance were completed by the staff of the Hall of Records: the sixth publication in the Hall of Records series, *Calendar of Maryland State Papers, No. 3 The Brown Books*, and the *Maryland Manual*. It will be recalled that we have already published calendars of the "Black Books" and the "Blue Books," so that only the "Red Books" of the so-called "Rainbow Series" are now lacking an adequate guide. We expect to begin this last series during the present year, but, since it