

is as large as all the others taken together, we have no hope of finishing any part of it before next July. The members of the Commission will receive a copy of the Brown Book Calendar when it is ready for distribution; therefore there is no need to describe the contents in detail. It should be pointed out, however, that the "Brown Books" contain for the most part Revolutionary letters to the Governors of Maryland, many from Washington, Jefferson, and other principal actors in the War and in the formation of the new nation.

The Maryland *Manual* project, which is described in detail elsewhere, was not, strictly speaking, an archival task; however, it will be of much service to us in so far as we act as the State's historical agency, because we made every effort to correct the historical sections of the book, especially the lists of officers. We feel now that we can rely on these lists which were taken directly from our own records, and in that way we should be able to save a great deal of time in the future when historical questions are referred to us.

One unhappy but unavoidable consequence of our preoccupation with the *Calendar of the Brown Books* and the *Maryland Manual* was the need to devote most of the time of our stenographic staff to this work. As a result, we were not able to add the number of index cards to our files which we have come to consider a satisfactory year's work. I am pleased to report, however, that we did complete the card index to the Testamentary Papers of the Commissary General. Work on this collection, composed of 92 boxes of materials, was begun in 1937. It has been dropped and taken up again on several occasions since that time. Each time the problem of arrangement prevented completion of the work. Finally, in 1945, the work was given a new start and has now been completed.

We were able to complete cards for several fine series of Kent and Prince George's County records, as the list below will witness, and we also added the great index to Baltimore County Marriages which was transferred to the Hall of Records by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore. Another useful acquisition was a two-volume index to the Land Records of Worcester County. We began to move the records of this County to the Hall of Records during the year.