

Kent County, Index to Original Wills, 1669-1801.

Prince George's County, Index to Original Bonds, 1696-1798.

Prince George's County, Index to Original Inventories, 1696-1787,
1793.

ARRANGEMENT

The influx of accessions has been large and varied during the past year. It is gratifying to be able to report that we have arranged on shelves, listed, and entered in the accessions book all the materials received, including the Talbot County records transferred just before the end of the previous year.

It must be explained, however, that in most cases the original papers have been given only a temporary arrangement. When papers come into our custody, they are usually tied up in bundles. Our first task is to restore, if possible, the original plan of arrangement of the bundles. If no such plan can be discovered, we put them in chronological order. This serves to meet emergency demands for the papers and places us in a position to proceed to the final arrangement of the papers when we are ready to do so.

The final arrangement and indexing of the papers of the Kent County Register of Wills was begun last year. The original Wills, 1669-1801, were filed in numbered envelopes running from 1 to 1518. An index to them is located at the Register of Wills' office in Chestertown. Therefore, when we transferred the wills from the envelopes to folders we preserved the reference number and used it in making our own index. We have also placed all of the Administration and Testamentary Bonds, 1664-1796, in folders and arranged them chronologically. We hope to have the other series completed by the end of the present fiscal year.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION

Several times during the last few years I have reported that the amount of work accomplished by the repair room was about the maximum that could be expected. This year we have had the uninterrupted services of two technicians, and the total number of pages treated exceeded our previous best year by over one thousand. However, by present methods there is no quick way to repair manuscripts except by multiplying the number of employees and increasing the