

This situation again calls attention to the need for additional record storage space in Maryland, especially for the offices located in Baltimore. The Hall of Records Commission is committed to giving its primary attention to the older records of the State, and these records, alone, will more than fill the present building. The Archivist has previously recommended that additional storage space be provided either in the form of a specially constructed building or as part of the proposed new State office building in Baltimore. (*Eleventh Annual Report*, page 39). Until some such accommodation is available, many of the agencies of the State will be compelled to devote space to the housing of their non-current records which they could use more profitably otherwise or do without.

On May 6, 1948, the Admissions Tax Division of the Comptroller's Office notified us of their wish to dispose of certain records. They were examined by a member of the Hall of Records staff and found to be returns of Tax Admissions filed by various individuals or corporations operating within the State. The returns under consideration consisted of about three file drawers of closed accounts dating from 1936 to 1942. The Archivist declined to accept them, and in due course the Board of Public Works authorized their destruction. The certificate of destruction filed by the Division is dated June 28, 1948.

#### ACCESSIONS FROM PUBLIC SOURCES

The past year witnessed a high point in our program of centralizing in the Hall of Records the early county records of the State. Records were received from fourteen different county officers, a considerably larger number than ever before. Since we have now completed the program for many of the counties, it is hardly likely that we shall again equal this total.

Perhaps the most welcome accession is the Somerset County Court Proceedings. This series, together with the Land Records which were already at the Hall of Records, places in our custody a set of colonial court records that compares favorably with the set received from Charles County, which has been described as one of the finest in the country.

Another fine group of court records was transferred from the office of the Clerk of Court of Cecil County, although it is evident from