

Although Judge Ogle Marbury's retirement as Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals occurred August 23, 1952, proper note was taken of it in the last *Annual Report* of the Archivist. Judge Marbury was succeeded by Judge Charles Markell, who became Chief Judge September 8, 1952, and retired December 16 of the same year. Judge Markell was a member of the Hall of Records Commission for these few months, but unfortunately, there was no meeting of the Commission during this period. Judge Markell was succeeded by Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, who was appointed Chief Judge December 29, 1952. Otherwise there were no changes in the Hall of Records Commission, but the resignation of Dr. Bronk as President of The Johns Hopkins University occurred September 1, 1953, or shortly after the beginning of fiscal year 1954. He was succeeded by Dr. Lowell J. Reed.

A meeting of the Commission was held May 21, 1953. Those present were Governor McKeldin, Judge Sobeloff, Dr. Weigle and Senator Radcliffe. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P. M. by the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Weigle. Judge Sobeloff was elected Chairman of the Commission and Dr. Weigle was reelected Vice-Chairman. Since the Minutes of Commission meetings are sent to each member, no detailed account is given in the *Annual Report* of the Archivist; however, a short summary may be useful. The Archivist submitted the Auditor's report to the Chairman for examination. The work of the Governor's Special Commission on Records Management, of which the Archivist was Chairman, was explained. (The final report of this Commission will be found under "Survey of State Records.") Edward N. Johnson was appointed Assistant Records Administrator to take effect July 1, 1953. The Archivist then brought to the attention of the Commission plans for establishing records centers in the new office buildings to be built in Baltimore and Annapolis, as well as the possibility of the Land Office being assigned quarters in the office building at Annapolis. Following a brief discussion of certain general problems affecting the Hall of Records, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P. M.

On several occasions during the year the Archivist benefited from the advice and guidance of individual members of the Commission: the Acting Chairman was especially helpful in this respect. It was also necessary on March 12, 1953, to ask the opinion of all the members before the introduction of legislation setting up our Records Management Program. The Acts of Assembly which were approved are reproduced elsewhere in this report.