

finished and the work in progress at the Hall of Records. It also attempts to give an account of the cost of this work, although archival cost-accounting cannot but remain an inexact science.

Publication No. 11 of the Hall of Records Commission: *Calendar of Maryland State Papers Number 5, Executive Miscellanea*. Two years ago we had tentatively decided that Publication No. 10 would be our last calendar volume. After a good deal of soul-searching, we decided to do a single additional volume in order to include other materials of the same period which had previously been omitted. The materials in this new volume include a few items in the Red Books which had been overlooked; the papers in the Blue Books which were not related to the Bank Stock Papers, to which that series is mainly dedicated; some papers which were supposed to have been included in the Rainbow series but for some reason were not bound in but put in portfolios; and some boxes of important papers of the period which had not been included in the Rainbow series and which had been published only in small part. At this writing our new volume is in galley proof and should appear early in 1958.

The *Maryland Manual, 1957-1958*. Gathering and compiling materials for this biennial publication began toward the end of fiscal year 1957, and the completed volume should be ready for distribution to the General Assembly when it meets in February 1958.

Publication No. 12 of the Hall of Records Commission: *The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland*. Preparation of this work began in fiscal year 1956, and sufficient progress has been made at this writing to predict its appearance by the end of the current fiscal year.

I regret that I cannot be as sanguine about the volume of court records of Prince George's County, which has been a joint project of the Hall of Records and the Littleton-Griswold Committee of the American Historical Association for more than a decade. We are encouraged, however, by the competence and interest of the present editor, Joseph H. Smith, Esq. of New York City. Happily for him, but unfortunately for this book, Mr. Smith is not only a legal historian of note but he is also a busy practicing attorney and as a consequence of this dual role, he has not had sufficient time to complete the work which he began two years ago.

Some progress has also been made on the revised edition of the *Maryland Guide* which we undertook last year. Our plans have been made, some of the trips have been taken, and several tours have been prepared in preliminary form. This is obviously not the kind of work that we can hope to finish