

PUBLICATIONS

Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Archivist of the Hall of Records.

This report, covering the fiscal year from July 1, 1956, to June 30, 1957, appeared March 31, 1958. Like its predecessors, it was prepared primarily for the information of the Hall of Records Commission to supplement its knowledge of the work of the Hall of Records derived from meetings of the Commission, reports of the State Auditor and other sources. The usefulness of these reports to members of the staff, other institutions and researchers, while obvious, is only incidental.

Maryland Manual, 1957-1958.

This edition of the State's biennial manual, the sixth undertaken by the Hall of Records, was distributed February 5, 1958. As in previous editions, efforts were made to improve its usefulness. It is, of course, not always possible to include additional materials which certain users ask for; but where possible, if the cost is not too great, we will accede to such requests. For example, in this edition we included financial materials for two years rather than for one. We also made a drastic change in the arrangement of county information. In earlier editions all county officers were arranged by groups; for example, all clerks of court were listed together. This method of presentation was adequate ten years ago but the rapid change in the form of county government, the proliferation of officers and agencies, especially in the larger counties, made it impossible to consider any other arrangement except the treatment of each county separately. This was a difficult and expensive change and it added fifty-five pages to the volume of the book. We believe it was worthwhile.

In the production of a book so full of names, addresses, facts and figures it is inevitable that a certain number of errors be overlooked. This year we adopted the procedure of printing a list of errata and addenda which was distributed to all official users of the *Manual*. We believe that this too is a necessary change in procedure, but it is also expensive. Moreover, since the Secretary of State did not agree as to its usefulness the cost of printing and mailing had to come from the budget of the Hall of Records.

Calendar of Maryland State Papers Number 5, Executive Miscellanea:

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In my last Annual Report I pointed out that we hoped to complete one more volume of calendars, bringing to an end the series which we first undertook in 1941. This volume contains those items from the *Blue Books* which were omitted by design from the *Calendar of the Bank Stock Papers*, about twenty papers from the *Red Books* which somehow were overlooked, some other materials from the *Rainbow Series Portfolios*, and a large group of Executive papers of the early period which were never, for some reason now obscure, included in the *Rainbow Series*. We are confident that this volume was worth doing and we are equally as confident that everything now in our possession which deserved calendaring has been completed. It was an unhappy coincidence that Roger Thomas who had collaborated in our first calendar