

section devoted to the photographs and biographies of four State officers. The *Manual* appeared January 29, 1960, in time to be distributed to the members of the General Assembly at their first meeting of the 1960 session.

INDEX HOLDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1959

This twelve-page mimeographed list of Indexes at the Hall of Records (Bulletin No. 11) is a revised version of Bulletin No. 10. Previously we had only listed indexes for which we had records. We did this because it was difficult to explain indexes—mainly old ones salvaged in the counties—which referred to records elsewhere. This led to misunderstandings. In this revision we decided that the dates and forms of both the records and their indexes held at the Hall of Records should be listed. The usefulness of such a list we thought would be worth the inconvenience of an occasional misunderstanding.

THE COUNTY COURTHOUSES AND RECORDS OF MARYLAND, PART ONE: THE COURTHOUSES,

Publication No. 12 of the Hall of Records Commission.

This volume, which has been in preparation for some years, appeared February 8, 1960. The purpose of this study is to account for all of the courthouses ever built in Maryland. The emphasis is on the courthouse as the seat of county government, the repository for its records. Architectural details, costs, architects, builders and workmen are included because information of this kind is now much sought after by historical agencies, organizations and individuals concerned with restoration. The book is profusely illustrated; it will be followed by a second volume which will list and describe the county historical records which have survived: those at the Hall of Records, in the courthouses and elsewhere.

NOTICES OF HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

I am happy to report that our series of calendars of Maryland State Papers, the last of which appeared in 1958, received an "Award of Merit" from the American Association For State And Local History at its meeting in Philadelphia on October 9, 1959.

The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland was handsomely launched by the Enoch Pratt Free Library which for several