

Their work, sometimes routine, and at times even unpleasant, has been done without complaint and without compensation. Nor should the staff be forgotten. The archivist, or director, or the curator of any institution like ours will receive the credit—and the blame!—for whatever it accomplishes though it is common knowledge that while he takes full responsibility he can do little by himself.

The Archivist has benefited in several special ways. He has enjoyed the rare privilege of coming to an archival institution as it was beginning. He has seen every record that has come into our vaults; he has carried many of them in himself. He has shared in the establishment of every procedure, in the design of every form. His association with the members of the Hall of Records Commission and with the other officers of State and local government gave him the opportunity to know many of the most distinguished Marylanders of these last twenty-five years. He has enjoyed the companionship of many dedicated members of the staff. His greatest satisfaction, however, has come from the confidence he has had from the people of Maryland who entrusted him with so challenging a task.

Respectfully submitted,

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