

charge d'affaires to Belgium, Maxcy was killed by the explosion of a cannon being test-fired aboard the *U. S. S. Princeton*. Several others lost their lives in the same accident, among them two cabinet members Abel P. Upshur, Secretary of State, and Thomas W. Gilmer, Secretary of the Navy. It was only by chance that President Tyler, also aboard, escaped a similar fate. Miss Edith D. C. F. Rivinus and Mrs. Mary Markoe Fetterman, owners of the Collection, have agreed to leave it on deposit at the Hall of Records.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Harry Slack, we acquired a very handsome color sketch of Camp Burnside, a Civil War Camp located in Annapolis in 1862. It was lithographed by the well-known E. Sachse & Company of Baltimore.

We were very pleased to receive the two rare and beautifully printed volumes containing facsimiles of letters and other documents pertaining to George Washington that were presented to us by the Reverend and Mrs. Leslie Fairfield.

Through the cooperation of the Baltimore Museum of Art and the State Library, we have added to our holdings microfilm copies of the sketchbooks of the noted Maryland artist Frank B. Mayer (1827-1899). These notebooks were exhibited in the lobby of our building for several weeks, attracting much favorable attention from visitors.

Local newspapers provide a very useful supplement to official records and occasionally furnish information that cannot be found elsewhere. For the past few years, we have budgeted a certain amount of our funds for the purchase of microfilm copies of newspapers in representative areas of the State whenever a good run becomes available. The *Frederick Town Herald* was actually purchased at the end of fiscal year 1964, but was inadvertently omitted from our last report.

ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS

The letters and/or numbers in parentheses are accession symbols. Unless otherwise indicated the materials listed are originals.

ALLEGANY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Record of Marriages, 1791-1900, 8 volumes, microfilm (CR8652-CR8653)

Index to Record of Marriages, Females, 1886-1900, 2 volumes, microfilm (CR8652)

ALLEGANY COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS

Wills, 1953-1963, 5 volumes, microfilm (CR8607-CR8609)

Orphans' Court Proceedings, 1954-1963, 18 volumes, microfilm (CR8637-CR8645)