

Permission was asked by the Archivist to collaborate in a history of the General Assembly which had been proposed to him by the President of the Senate, the Honorable William S. James of Harford County. The Commission approved the project.

In the discussion of miscellaneous problems which preceded adjournment the Archivist reported that he had requested \$110,000 from the Capital Improvement Budget (fiscal year 1967) to air condition the building. The stack area has always been air conditioned, but by now, after more than thirty years, it has reached a state of disrepair when the cost to repair it would be a questionable investment. The Hall of Records is the last state government building in Annapolis to be air conditioned.

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 3:00 p.m.

Members of the Commission who attended were the Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Governor, the Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller, the Honorable Stedman Prescott, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the Honorable Frederick W. Brune, President of the Maryland Historical Society, Dr. Richard D. Weigle, President of St. John's College. Dr. Milton J. Eisenhower, President of The Johns Hopkins University, and John M. Nelson III, President of the Peabody Institute, were prevented from attending because of previous engagements.

As this report is being written, January, 1967, I look forward with trepidation to many changes in the membership of the Commission. First of all, Governor Tawes leaves office January 25, 1967; Dr. Eisenhower retires in September of 1967. Already in fiscal year 1967, Judge Prescott has retired, and Judge Brune will retire from the Presidency of the Maryland Historical Society in a few months. All changes in the Commission are losses to the Hall of Records since most of the members are not especially knowledgeable insofar as the records of the State are concerned when they come to the Commission. The greatest loss will be Governor Tawes, who was the last remaining member of the Commission which appointed the present Archivist in 1939. Except for a two-year period when he was Bank Commissioner, he has been a member ever since, either as Governor or Comptroller. He has always shown an interest in its work and he has given it support whenever it was needed. He will be sorely missed.