

compensation for their return would be out of order. The Commission then suggested that the efforts of the entire Maryland delegation in Congress be enlisted and Mr. Tawes was asked to bring the problem to them.

The Commission felt it necessary to plan for the consolidation of the Hall of Records and the Office of the Land Commissioner in anticipation of the election of November 1966, when the constitutional amendment making this consolidation a fact, might pass.

Mr. Goldstein assured the Commission that along with the functions and the records of the Land Office, if the referendum were in the affirmative, the Hall of Records would also get the budget, the personnel and the office space of the Land Office. The Archivist noted that we could not accommodate the records unless we disposed of the Abstracts of Deeds which the Land Office had left with us when it moved to the new State Office Building. The Commission was opposed to their destruction and urged that the county historical societies be offered them. This was agreed upon subject to review by the Attorney General. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

In addition to the Chairman and Vice Chairman, there were present Governor Tawes, Comptroller Goldstein, and Judge Brune, President of the Maryland Historical Society.