

Historical Society, all such original papers, documents and records, connected with the early history of this State and with the history of the Revolution, and the period preceding the same, as may serve to illustrate the annals of Maryland, its original settlement, and subsequent progress, to the close of the Revolutionary War, and which may not be necessary to the due and ordinary administration of the public affairs of the State, and that he be empowered to make such selection from the said records, documents and papers, in the execution of the authority hereby conferred upon him, as he may believe to be of historical interest, and not necessary to be kept at the seat of government, and to direct the transfer of the same to the Maryland Historical Society; *provided*, that the Governor, in making this selection as aforesaid, shall confine his choice to such records, documents or other papers, as may exist in duplicate, and to such also as shall be found in a condition of apparent or manifest decay, or partially obliterated from defective preservation, or in detached fragments, parcels, bundles, single documents or letters in a state of disorder and disarrangement, and which from the condition in which he may find them, he may believe may be advantageously deposited with the said Historical Society for the better preservation of the same; *and provided further*, that the said Historical Society shall hold and preserve the same in a safe place of deposit, in a fire proof chamber, and shall keep the same in good condition for the use and benefit of the State, as a depository thereof, and that the said documents, records and papers, shall be returned to the Executive of the State on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-nine; *and provided also*, that the Governor, or such person as the General Assembly may appoint, shall at all times, during the continuance of said records with said society, be empowered to visit and inspect the condition of said records, documents and other papers, and to report the condition thereof to the General Assembly, for such order in reference to the same as they may think necessary; *and provided also*, that said society shall arrange and collate said papers during their continuance with it.

*Further resolved*, That the Governor be authorised and empowered to deposit with the said Historical Society a complete copy of the laws of this State, so far as the same are published, and may be found in the possession of the State, in sufficient number of extra copies to be thus appropriated without detriment or inconvenience to the several departments of the public service.