

force in the Province unless specially adopted by the Provincial Assembly. The principal underlying motive for the assertion at this time of the right to those Statutes appears to have been a desire thus to secure the benefit of the English Statutes relating to master and servant, whereby the employment of convict labor could be restrained. It is interesting to note that the terms of the final concession upon this subject made by the Proprietary in 1726, namely, that "such laws, rules, customs and usages as are undoubted, certain, constantly adhered to and practised among you" should be preserved, are identical in principle with the rule expressed in Article 5 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights adopted fifty years later, in 1776, in which is asserted the right of the inhabitants of the State "to the Common Law of England and to the benefit of such English Statutes as existed on the 4th day of July, 1776, and which have been found applicable, and have been introduced, used and practised by the Courts" of the Province.

Ten copies of Volume 34 of the Archives, bound in cloth, have been deposited in the State Library at Annapolis, and eighty-two copies have been distributed free among the courts of the several counties and to various State libraries and historical associations, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1914, and a similar distribution of Volume 35 is now in progress.

A statement from the treasurer of the society of the receipts and disbursements during the past two years under the provisions of that Act is appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
EDWIN WARFIELD, *President*.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

December 31, 1913—		<i>Receipts.</i>
By balance on hand as per report filed		\$77.24
July 31, 1914—		
By cash from State appropriation of 1912, instalment due December 1, 1913.....	\$1,000.00	
By cash from State appropriation of 1913, instalment due June 1, 1914.....	1,000.00	
By cash from sales of archives.....	219.46	
By interest on balance in bank.....	25.42	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,322.12