

(69 v.), is a record of suits in the Provincial Court. The Prerogative Court Records, 1635-1777 (363 v. with papers; see the catalogue cited above), contain wills, inventories, accounts, etc. Commission Books Nos. 80 and 83 contain commissions to officers for 1726-86 and 1774-76 respectively. No. 81 is merely a transcript of No. 80. The content of the Black Books (11 v. in 19 parts and a portfolio, state papers of 1701-85) has been thoroughly catalogued (see above), and many of the single documents will be found scattered as supplementary material throughout the *Archives*: The Miscellaneous State Papers (1638-1778), are in five containers, cited as Portfolios 2, 3, and 4, of which the last embraces three containers and the other two one each.

On turning from Maryland to British public documents we find that some transcripts, photostats, and originals are now available in this country. The Library of Congress has transcripts of the Audit Office Papers, 1672-1776, bundle 756, roll 792, through bundle 829, roll 1086, and photostatic copies of the Board of Trade Correspondence with Maryland, 1633-1777, Colonial Office, class 5, v. 713 through v. 727. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, has transcripts of the Board of Trade Journals, 1675-1782; Board of Trade Papers, Plantations General, 1689-1780; and Board of Trade Papers, Proprieties, 1697-1776. The Huntington Library at San Marino, California, has ten volumes of the papers of William Blathwayte (d. 1717), commissioner of Trade and Plantations and Auditor General of Her Majesty's Revenues arising in America. Of these volume VI contains Maryland documents, 1664-1701, which may now be examined in microfilm at the Pratt Library.

Several important groups of British records relating to the colonies have been published in abstract by Her Majesty's Stationery Office. These are as follows: *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, America and West Indies* [1574-1736] (35 v., 1860—); *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series* [1613-1783] (6 v.; 1908-12); *Journal of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations* [1704-1782] (14 v., 1920-38); *Calendar of Treasury Papers* [1557-1728] (6 v., 1868-89); *Calendar of Treasury Books and Papers* [1660-1718] (32 v., 1904—); and *Calendar of Treasury Books and Papers* [1729-1745] (5 v., 1897-1903). Supplementary to these are *Proceedings and Debates of the British Parliaments respecting North America* [1541-1754], Leo Francis Stock, comp. (5 v., Washington, 1924-41); *Royal Instructions to British Colonial Governors, 1670-1776*, Leonard Woods Labaree, comp. (2 v., N. Y. and London, ca. 1935); and "Papers Relating to Officers of the Customs in North America [1770-76]," *Md. Hist. Mag.*, XXVII (1932), 231-39. British laws are printed in *The Statutes at Large* [1225-1800], Owen Ruffhead, ed. (18 v., London, 1769-1800). Because during most of her history Maryland was a proprietary colony these materials are not as useful for this province as for other British plantations. They are, however, an important source for the period of crown rule (1690-1715) and for the royal customs service.

Three interesting contemporary books are in the nature of sources and may be conveniently regarded as private papers. These are: Andrew