

beginning with the year 1669, are segregated at the back of this old volume. The regular court minutes, civil suits, and land papers for this 1669-1670 period are recorded on folios 1-139, while the criminal cases are to be found on folios 455-476.

The litigiousness of seventeenth century Marylanders, for a community of its size, is well shown by the large volume of litigation which an examination of the records of the provincial courts at St. Mary's and of the several county courts reveals. During the time covered by this court record the population of the Province increased from about thirteen thousand to sixteen thousand whites.

The next volume of the *Archives* to appear will be the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland 1762-1764*.

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