

Eighteenth century printers used, for *f* and for *s* in the middle of a word, symbols that are almost or entirely indistinguishable. About halfway down the body of the character for both letters there is a little stroke at right angles. If the letter is an *f*, the little stroke is to the right of the upright; if it is an *s*, the stroke is to the left. And if the type is old or of poor quality, the little stroke is often missing, and only the context will tell which letter is meant. In this case, strict conformity seemed to be a little too precious, so it was decided to use a modern round *s* even when Anne Catharine Green properly used the type of her day.

In the printing of the session laws, Green has been allowed some influence. In the manuscript, the laws are without divisions for paragraphs, and almost without punctuation. Page follows page without a break. In printing the laws here, they are divided into paragraphs according to Green, and the side-notes which the "Act for the speedy and effectual publication of the laws of this province" ordered Mrs. Green to print, if she wanted her tobacco, have been reproduced at the proper places, in brackets of course.

The appendices contain contemporary material related to the workings of the Assembly in the period. On October 15, 1773, the Lower House took into consideration the letters and papers received by the Speaker from other colonies, and unanimously resolved to appoint a standing committee of correspondence with all the British colonies. Appendix I contains all the letters and resolves referred to, as far as they could be got hold of, a hundred and seventy-five years later. The actual papers received in Maryland have disappeared, presumably for good. But, since the same letters were sent to all the colonies, those received in Virginia are the same as the Maryland ones, and they have been preserved and are here reproduced, through the co-operation of the Virginia State Library from its originals or contemporary copies.

Appendix II is Peter Force's transcript of the Council Proceedings of October 29, 1773, from the Force Transcripts in the Library of Congress. Of the proceedings of the Provincial Council, the last known original journals are those for 1769-1770, published in vol. XXXII of the *Archives of Maryland*, pp. [283]-388. What happened to the originals that Force used, no one knows, though it is hard to escape the conviction that they must have been in existence seventy-five years after the period to which they relate. Force himself says nothing beyond a short notation, "No. 5. Md Archives." His transcript appears, by internal evidence, to be faithful, and it is included, for lack of a better, because its contents are important.

One Act of Assembly at the March-April 1774 session was intended to prevent infection from the ship *Chance*, at the time lying at anchor off Annapolis, and believed to have putrid fever, or typhus aboard her. In Appendix