INTRODUCTION

In compiling information for the publication of this issue of the Maryland Manual, it has been my intention to provide a brief, but accurate, reference book of important items and information concerning our State departments.

We have endeavored in the limited space allotted, to give you, at a glance, valuable data concerning the State of Maryland, including its Charter and Constitution, the names of all State and County officials, and members and functions of the various commissions, boards, committees and other governmental agencies created by the last Legislature, and those existing prior thereto.

We have also endeavored to furnish financial, educational, political and historical data of general interest, not only to the citizenry, but to State officials. In order that this handbook may be of the utmost value, reference has been made to newly elected, as well as hold-over officials of the State.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation to all who have assisted in compiling the necessary material and information and publishing this Manual.

> Francis Petrott, Secretary of State.