

only a few of them had ever been examined since they were filed away. And the available sketches of judges are few and contain no helpful comments on the court. Therefore the work of collecting the material for even the sketch here presented has been largely original, and considerable in amount, and as it has all been done by a member of the court it has been confined chiefly to court vacations. In view of these facts the book, limited in scope as it is, has seemed sufficient for a present undertaking.

The citations will probably all be sufficiently clear, except that it may be necessary to explain that the "Archives" cited are the Archives of Maryland, which are publications of historical records of the provincial and state governments prepared under the auspices of the Maryland Historical Society. A few statements which would ordinarily be supported by references to sources are left without citations because the information is found in unpublished records or papers which could not be described to any advantage in notes. The original paging is used in citations of the older reports.

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