

Maryland Executive papers and suggested that they should be transferred to the Hall of Records. It was resolved that the Commission through its chairman make a formal request to the Council of the Maryland Historical Society for the transfer of these papers to the Hall of Records.

Mr. Tawes then proposed that the Commission take action to help in the preservation of governmental records not in the possession of the Hall of Records. The Commission requested Mr. Tawes to discuss ways and means with the Archivist who might then report any progress at the next meeting of the Commission. The Commission adjourned at 4.30 P. M.

Those present at the meeting of May 13, 1941, were the Chairman, Mr. Tawes, Dr. Bowman, Dr. Pleasants, Mr. Barr. The Commission considered the advisability of taking precautionary measures now for the protection of the materials in the Hall of Records in the event of war or threat of war. The Commission agreed that such measures should be taken, and the Archivist was instructed to study the situation and report to the Commission at its next meeting.

Consideration was then given to the problem of what provision should be made for employees of the Hall of Records who are called into war service. It was decided that any employee called into service be given preferential consideration for appointment to his former position on his return, it being understood that the Commission will be governed in this matter by any regulation which may be adopted by the State Employment Commissioner.

Mr. Barr informed the Commission that the St. John's College contemplates the construction of a wall around the College property and he asked the advice of the Commission whether the property of the State on which the Hall of Records is built should be included in this enclosure. A motion was passed recommending that if such a wall be built it pass to the rear of the building and that there be gates at the junction of the Hall of Records Easement and the wall on College Avenue, and at the rear of the building on St. John's Street. Mr. Barr agreed to consult Mr. Lawrence Hall Fowler on the design and form of the wall contiguous to the Hall of Records before construction of the wall begins.

Two Acts of the last Assembly providing for the destruction of old records when they have been refused for deposit at the Hall of