

wrote the two long chapters on the development of Maryland State government. Each of these chapters was prepared during the author's own time. Several of these staff members had never published in the field of Maryland studies before, and the Archivist feels, therefore, that the training they received in this work was of real benefit to the Hall of Records.

*In Preparation*

*The Court Records of Prince George's County, Liber A, 1696-1699.* In my last *Annual Report* I advised you that after a lapse of something like ten years, this volume, a cooperative venture of the Hall of Records Commission and the Littleton-Griswold Committee of the American Historical Association, had been given a new legal editor and that some progress had been made. Latest reports from the editor, Joseph H. Smith, Esq. of New York City, indicate that the work is going forward.

Good progress was made this year on Publication No. 11 of the Hall of Records Commission, *Catalogue of the Early Records of the Counties of Maryland.*

Work was begun at the very end of the fiscal year on a revised edition of the *Maryland Guide*, first published in 1941 by the Writers' Project of the WPA.

In order that the members of the Hall of Records Commission may inform themselves of the reception of our publications, I have included in this report the following references to recent reviews.

Publications No. 9, *Buildings of The State of Maryland at Annapolis*, which was released in June 1954, was reviewed favorably in *The American Archivist* (April 1956 issue) by Helen Duprey Bullock of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and in *The William and Mary Quarterly* (July 1956 issue) by Marcus Wiffen of Colonial Williamsburg.

Publication No. 10, *Calendar of Maryland State Papers Number 4, Part 3, The Red Books*, appeared in August 1955. It was reviewed in the April 1956 issue of *The American Archivist* by John Melville Jennings, Virginia Historical Society; and in the April 1956 issue of *The American Historical Review* by Philip C. Brooks of the Federal Records Center, San Francisco. Both reviews were highly commendatory.