

lon Waters in Baltimore refers to the building of a railroad from Baltimore to Ohio. There is even a David Crockett song book.

Additional items to be placed with the Mercer Family Papers already on deposit were sent to us by Mr. Frank L. Pinney through Mr. J. Reaney Kelly. They are mainly letters by Mary Swann Mercer, most of them written during the Civil War.

Two very early parchment patents were among the papers deposited by Admiral and Mrs. Kenneth H. Noble. One, dated 1654, is signed by Governor William Stone; the other, dated 1658, bears the signature of Governor Josias Fendall.

Through the generosity of Mr. Edward S. Corcoran, we were permitted to make photocopies of a number of the items he exhibited in our lobby in conjunction with a meeting of The Baltimore Bibliophiles, held at the Hall of Records. Some idea of the richness of this collection may be had from a partial listing of the items photocopied:

1. Letter of George Plater to "the Lord Commissioners of their Majesties Treasury," explaining that the money collected on port duties was paid over to Sir Edmund Andros while he was acting as Governor of Maryland.
2. Proclamation of Charles, Lord Baltimore disallowing an Act of Assembly passed in 1723 which attempted to restrict the importation of convicts into Maryland.
3. Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to Inspect the Public Records, 1724-1725.
4. Map of the World published by Sylvanus in 1511, one of the earliest to show any part of the North American Continent.
5. Map of the World by Hans Holbein, the younger, showing the whole Continent of America, published in 1532.
6. Several early maps of Maryland, notably one published by Ogilby in 1671 and another by Speed in 1676.

Twelve deeds and plats relating to land in St. Mary's County were photocopied through the courtesy of Admiral Felix L. Johnson. They date from 1672 to 1833. We are always glad to acquire such records because the early land records of St. Mary's County were destroyed in the fire of 1831.

The Public Archives of Canada presented us with a photostatic copy of a Census of Acadians in Maryland, taken July 6-7, 1763. From the same agency we purchased a microfilm copy of a number of muster rolls of Maryland Loyalist companies and regiments for the period 1777-1783.

Considerable local interest was aroused last year when the Family *Bible* of