

The Committee also desires to place on record an acknowledgment of the courtesies extended them by Dr. William R. Hayward, Commissioner of the Land Office, and Mr. George H. Shafer, clerk in the same office, Dr. E. P. Duval, State Librarian, and Spencer C. Jones, Esq., Clerk of the Court of Appeals, in facilitating the search for and collection of the various State Archives.

The Committee feel that to the Manager of the printing establishment of I. Friedenwald, and to the compositors, proof-readers and others engaged on this work, special recognition is due of services of a peculiarly difficult and laborious kind, performed with zeal, patience, fidelity and intelligence that cannot be estimated at a mere money value.

The Committee has given its earnest attention to the work, and it hopes that the publication now begun under such favorable circumstances, may be continued until the entire series of Provincial and Revolutionary Records of our State is placed in print.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. M. LEE,
BRADLEY T. JOHNSON,
HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,

Committee.

BALTIMORE, *November 12, 1883.*

Which, upon motion, was accepted and approved, and ordered to be printed.

The Society, in accepting the volume, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the officers of this Society, in presenting to the Legislature the first volume of the Archives of Maryland, are requested to give an earnest expression to the opinion of this Society, that the publication now made at the expense of the State is satisfactory in the highest degree to those who are interested in the history of Maryland; and are also requested to urge upon the representatives of the people to provide liberally for the continuance of the publication, so that the origin and growth of our civil institutions may be thoroughly understood by the citizens of this State, and made likewise accessible to those at a distance who may wish to study the development of a free Commonwealth.

Trusting that the work may meet the approval of your honorable bodies,

We have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. B. LATROBE,
President.

MENDES COHEN,
Corresponding Secretary.