

for Land Business, 1679-1684, were transferred from the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to the Land Office. These volumes will be found described by Dr. Browne on a subsequent page, and will be asked for when occasion requires their use in Baltimore.

Your Committee believe that the work that has been done is good work well done, and that it deserves from the General Assembly of our State a liberal appropriation, so that the work can be carried on with more dispatch. Two volumes a year could readily be arranged and printed, and a sum sufficient for this number of volumes ought to be appropriated.

The Society may with truth be said to have rescued these valuable Archives from oblivion if not from destruction. They are made accessible in the original (as well as in the printed reproductions) to the student of our early history, and are secure at the same time in the expensive fire-proof vault specially constructed by the Society for their protection, and the services of the Librarian of the Society, without cost to the State, are always cheerfully rendered in facilitating investigation, arranging confused material and removing difficulties and obscurities.

It could not be expected that the work done and proposed could be executed at any other time, or in any other way, with so little expense to the State. The Society's share of the work is entirely gratuitous, the compensation of the faithful and efficient services of the Editor, Dr. William Hand Browne, is merely nominal, the deciphering and accurate transcribing of Miss Lucy H. Harrison is at ordinary rather than expert's rates, and the admirable work of the printer at the lowest rates for which private individuals in the management of personal business could obtain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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The above report having been laid before the Society at its regular meeting on October 12th, 1885, was, on motion, accepted, approved and ordered to be printed.

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