

The organization and development of the higher courts and a description of their records have already been discussed at some length by the editor in the introductions to recent volumes of the *Archives of Maryland* dealing with the Provincial Court (Vol. LXIX) and with the Court of Chancery (Vol. LI), and need not be repeated here. For an exhaustive study of the highest appellate court the reader is referred to Judge Carroll T. Bond's two books, *The Court of Appeals of Maryland* and *Proceedings of the Maryland Court of Appeals, 1695-1729*.

It is obvious that the introductory notes on the county courts and manorial courts which follow can refer to but a small part of the contents of these two volumes of county records. The student of Maryland history, however, will find the subject indices to be keys to many other equally interesting matters which have not been touched upon here. Since this survey of the county and manorial courts serves as a general introduction to this volume of Charles County records and to the succeeding volume (LIV) of the *Archives*, with respective publication dates of 1936 and 1937, the latter containing the proceedings of the county courts of Kent, Talbot, and Somerset, the two volumes are being distributed simultaneously. Brief notes on the organization of each of the four counties, together with an outline of the principal events which occurred in them down to the end of the period covered by their county court proceedings now published, will also follow.

It is intended that these two volumes of county records be followed by the publication in 1938 of Volume LV of the *Archives*, containing the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1757-1758*.

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