

III are presented several petitions about the ship. They seem to show that perhaps the lawmakers were unduly alarmed.

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The next volume of the *Archives* will contain the Proceedings of the Provincial Court from 1671 to 1674.

The Committee on Publications announces with regret that Dr. Raphael Semmes has resigned as editor of the *Archives of Maryland*. Dr. Semmes in the two preceding volumes brought to his work not only broad scholarship and legal knowledge but great familiarity with Maryland colonial history. He is succeeded as editor by Dr. Elizabeth Merritt, Ph.D. in history of the Johns Hopkins University, whose help to past editors is gratefully remembered.

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