

stitution of 1867 as amended to November, 1966. It was felt that the six column comparison of the text of the present and previous Constitutions would be more useful than the index comparison previously contemplated but the preparation of the six column comparison has proven to be difficult and time-consuming. It has been responsible for a substantial part of the delay in publishing this volume.

Some of the documents included in this volume were prepared during the very early stages of the Commission's work in 1966 and others were prepared during 1967. No attempt has been made to update any article.

The research documents are arranged by chapters (I-IX) that correspond with the nine articles of the draft constitution which was published in the REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSION. Chapter X contains three articles pertaining to miscellaneous and transitional provisions. These ten chapters are followed by reproductions of the exact text of Maryland's four constitutions as they were originally adopted, to wit: the Constitutions of 1776, 1851, 1864 and 1867. Interspersed with these constitutions are listings of amendments and indices where appropriate. Chapter XIX is the six column comparison of the constitutions referred to above. Chapter XX is an appendix which lists the various departments and agencies of the executive branch of the State's government. For each of these departments and agencies are given the authority for its creation, the nature of its head, a description of its members, the term of office for members, numbers and kinds of employees, and a brief statement of the functions of each office. In conclusion, Chapter XXI contains a number of statements which were submitted to the Commission during the course of its work (referred to as position papers) and which it was felt should be permanently recorded.

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