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## *A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland*

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these cases, the Evans reference is noted and the fact mentioned that no copies have been located.

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### EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Fol. 4to. 8vo. The size notation employed, Fol., 4to, 8vo, etc., indicates the fold of the sheet as determined by the Bodleian rules formulated for this purpose.

\* Asterisk. Where the size notation is preceded by an asterisk, it means that the printer has used a paper without watermark and turned his paper in such a way as to render the format of the book difficult of determination. In these cases (almost invariably a volume of session laws or of "Votes and Proceedings"), the compiler has given the normal notation of the series to which the book was an annual addition.

( ) Round brackets have been used in the transcripts for interpolated or condensed information supplied by the book itself, as for example, dates of sessions of Assembly or inclusive annual newspaper dates.

[ ] Square brackets have been used to enclose titles not seen or not described as having been seen by competent authority; titles taken from newspaper advertisements; descriptive words or phrases introduced into the transcripts by the compiler; imprints or dates not actually present in the book.

Preliminary leaf }  
Supplementary leaf } mean leaves at the beginning or end of the volume, forming part of its contents, but not included in the signature sequence. These are usually found in copies of the "Acts" or of the "Votes and Proceedings" of the Assembly, and are not accounted for in the signature sequence of the series, which sometimes continues for several years.

### SIGNATURES

The alphabet employed by the colonial printer for signatures was that customarily used for this purpose by early printers; namely, one of twenty-three letters in which "J" and "W" are never used, and either "U" or "V" is invariably omitted.

The description A-D<sup>4</sup> means A, B, C, D, with four leaves to each letter; in like manner A-D<sup>8</sup> would mean that each of the four gatherings had eight leaves, and in neither case would it mean necessarily that the work was in quarto or octavo. The size notation given first in the collation has been determined by the position of water marks and the direction of chain lines in accordance with the Bodleian rules.

A signature letter used with an inferior number, as for example A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub> or A<sub>4</sub>, means the second, third or fourth leaf of the gathering A.

### GENERAL

Except in instances where the result has seemed to be of importance, no attempt has been made to account for missing end leaves or fly leaves. Blank end leaves or fly leaves, however, have been noted when perfect copies have been found containing them.