
HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

During the fiscal year there were no changes in the membership of the Hall of Records Commission. Because of this fortunate circumstance the Hall of Records has had the advantage of being guided by a Commission well aware of its problems as well as sympathetic with its objectives. The present members of the Commission are listed below in this order: chairman, members of the State government, heads of institutions in the order of the ages of these institutions.

HONORABLE CARROLL TANNEY BOND, Chief Judge Maryland Court of Appeals, Chairman.

HONORABLE HERBERT R. O'CONNOR, Governor.

HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES, Comptroller of the Treasury.

MR. STRINGFELLOW BARR, President of the St. John's College.

HONORABLE GEORGE S. RADCLIFFE, President of the Maryland Historical Society.

DR. J. HALL PLEASANTS, President of the Board of the Peabody Institute.

DR. ISAIAH BOWMAN, President of the Johns Hopkins University.

Membership in the Commission is ex-officio; the chairman is chosen by the Commission.

Two meetings of the Commission were held during the fiscal year, October 4, 1940 and May 13, 1941. The first meeting was reported fully in the Archivist's report for last year, but since it fell by a few days in this fiscal year the action taken by the Commission at that time should be summarized here if only briefly. After an inspection of the new installation on the sixth deck, the new equipment in the photoduplication department and an examination of some of the work done at the Hall of Records, the Commission discussed the question of whether the Hall of Records should have a publication program. It was decided that such a program was desirable and that it should begin during the biennium 1941-43 with the publication of Liber A of the Prince George's County Court Records, provided an appropriation for this work be granted by the Legislature.

Dr. Pleasants reported to the Commission the presence in the vaults of the Maryland Historical Society of a large collection of