

The Commission held one meeting in the course of the year, February 18, 1952. The first order of business was the election of Dr. Weigle as Vice Chairman to succeed Dr. J. Hall Pleasants who had retired after the last previous meeting. Authorization was then granted for the transfer of five Audubon letters to the Maryland State Library for exhibition purposes. The Commission approved Governor McKeldin's proposal that the Archivist be permitted to assist in the survey of State records to be undertaken by Records Engineering, Incorporated of Washington. At Mr. Tawes' suggestion the Archivist was instructed to continue his editorship of the *Maryland Manual* at the pleasure of the Governor.

Judge Marbury discussed the publication of the Chancery Records and the Commission agreed with him that the project was a good one. The Archivist explained the difficulties involved and reported that the work was well under way.

In an effort to avoid duplication of effort the Archivist had prepared a proposal for the Council of the Maryland Historical Society in which the field of acquisition of Maryland materials was delimited. The proposal was approved by the Commission and has subsequently been submitted to the Historical Society. Among other routine matters on the agenda was the problem of additional storage space for the Hall of Records and the approval of temporary appointments to the staff. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M., having been called to order by the Chairman shortly after three o'clock.

All the members of the Commission listed here served throughout the year. However, shortly after the end of the fiscal year, August 23, 1952, Judge Marbury, having reached the statutory age limit, retired as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and therefore, ceased to be a member of the Commission. Judge Marbury had been a member of the Commission since April 4, 1944, when he took the oath of office, and he had been chairman since June 7, 1944. During this period of over eight years neither his interest in the work of the Hall of Records nor his patience with the Archivist and his staff seemed ever to lessen. As a consequence the Hall of Records has prospered.