

found their way into the Library of Congress. Governor Tawes has decided to proceed by enlisting the support of the Maryland delegation in Congress. In a letter of December 13th, addressed to our Congressmen, Governor Tawes claimed the records for Maryland, and suggested that if all else failed to accomplish their return, a Joint Resolution might be introduced in the Congress requiring their return.

After the Land Office and the Library of Congress, the only depository which has any considerable amount of Maryland records is the Maryland Historical Society. Otherwise there is still a fairly large quantity in the hands of private individuals. These latter will take time to retrieve and the task may never be entirely accomplished.

I should like to call your attention this year especially to the Records Management report. There you have described the new system of land recording designed for Prince George's County, as well as the Cott data-processed indexing service for the land records in Charles, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. They are ingenious methods of saving space and hand labor and we hope that they will succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

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