

FOREWORD

Frank White, a senior archivist on our staff who served the Hall of Records faithfully, most notably in his compilation of the biennial Maryland Manual and State Publications Received at the Hall of Records, passed away suddenly on January 30, 1978. Frank's knowledge is irreplaceable, but his tasks must be carried on by other members of the staff. As one of the administrators of the Hall of Records some of those duties devolve upon me; others, particularly those relating to the cataloging of state publications, have been assigned to Diane Frese, my research assistant on the Bicentennial Bulletin. As readers of the Bicentennial Bulletin will have noted, I have fallen behind in writing the monthly issues. This is not the fault of Diane Frese, who always had the necessary background material and original documents to me on time, but rather because administrative responsibilities limited my time to the extent that at one point I was three months behind my scheduled date to have an issue to the printer.

With Frank's death it will no longer be possible to write the Bicentennial Bulletin. Frank, more than most, would have regretted that this decision had to be made. He was an authority on Maryland history, and he read each issue avidly prior to it being sent to the printer--not only to correct errors I had made, but to offer suggestions on how the issue might be improved. He believed the Bicentennial Bulletin did Marylanders a service in highlighting, month by month, what the citizens of this state contributed, in terms of both men and supplies, to assist in the winning of the War for Independence. Although I regret we will be unable to continue the Bicentennial Bulletin due to Frank's death, I feel it is most appropriate that this concluding issue be dedicated to Frank, co-worker, supporter, and friend.

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