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Mr. Leslie Edgar Bliss, Librarian,
Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery,
San Marino 15, California.

Dear Mr. Bliss:

You will recall that we had some correspondence in July and August of 1945, about a proposed deposit of Maryland provincial records in microfilm form at the Huntington Library. I regret that this deposit has been so long delayed, but the abnormal conditions of the last year have delayed all such projects, as you know. However, the films have now been made and are here at the Hall of Records, ready for shipment to you.

During the course of the year our plans were changed somewhat. The negative film which we wanted at the Hall of Records has been given to the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress also has one copy of the positive for its use. One copy of the positive is to be sent to the Public Record Office in London. The other will go to you, if you still wish to have it. It had been originally intended that the only film copy in this country would be at the Huntington Library, but the Librarian of Congress was interested in the project, and in return for sharing the greater part of the cost and actually doing the work of making the positive copies, the Hall of Records Commission decided to alter its original plan. You will now, therefore, have one of three copies in this country, and one of four altogether.

One other condition should be mentioned. The Library of Congress will not be permitted to make any other full length copies; it will be permitted to make copies, in part, for researchers, but only after permission is granted in each case by the Hall of Records Commission. It is their thought that no copies should be made from the films at the Huntington Library and at the Public Record Office. I do not imagine that you will have any objection to these restrictions, but I thought it wise to write to you before sending the films.

Very sincerely yours,

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