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## Report of State Librarian.

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*Hon. Franklin Murphy, Governor of New Jersey:*

DEAR SIR—In compliance with “An act to regulate the State Library,” approved March 29th, 1878, the following report of the condition of the library is respectfully submitted, for transmission to the Legislature

The number of volumes and pamphlets in the library on October 31st, 1903, as shown by the Librarian's last annual report, was 65,272. The additions made during the past twelve months numbered 2,856, making a total of 68,128. From this number should be deducted 167 duplicate volumes and pamphlets which, by direction of the Commissioners of the Library, were returned to the Superintendent of Documents, at Washington, and 321 odd volumes and duplicates that were exchanged with the Boston Book Company, which leaves 67,640 as the contents of the State Library at the date of this report.

The accessions during the year came from the following sources:

From the United States Government.....	752
From other States and Territories, in exchange.....	622
Books and pamphlets donated.....	314
Bought for the Reference Library .....	466
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Daily and weekly newspapers donated.....	60
Received from the Custodian of the Capitol.....	180
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	2,856

Of the \$3,500 appropriated for the “repair, preservation and purchase of useful books,” \$438.68 was spent for binding and repairs, and the remainder for new books. During the year many

of the more valuable pamphlets relating to New Jersey were bound in board covers.

The crowded condition of the library, to which attention had been directed, has been relieved. During the last summer the State House Commission, acting under authority of the act of April 8th, 1903, replaced the twenty-three large oak book-cases with forty-eight cases made of rolled steel by the Berger Manufacturing Company, of Canton, Ohio, the lowest bidder for the contract. Twenty-eight of these new cases were installed in the Law Library and sixteen in the Reference Library.

The change has given a little more than double the shelf room before available, and will be sufficient to meet all requirements for several years to come, at the present rate of growth. The revolving cases which had been resorted to in order to shelve the books, have been discarded, and scattered sets have been brought together and made readily accessible for use.

The improvements in the library also included the installation of steel cases for the newspaper files. The old frame racks that occupied the center aisle have been removed, and replaced by wall cases, upon the roller shelves of which the large volumes are placed flat, making them not only more convenient for use but adding to their security.

The installation of the new cases made other changes and repairs necessary, and these have either been made or contracted for. The rough walls and ceilings of the rooms have been painted; a new floor covering has taken the place of the old jute matting; and new furniture which was required to replace some of the older pieces, by reason of the re-arrangement, has been secured.

In order to permit the improvements to be made, it was necessary to remove more than fifty thousand books and pamphlets from their places on the old shelves and pile them away. For several weeks the library was, by direction of the Commissioners, closed to the public, though an effort was made to respond to such calls as were made for books. With but a very few exceptions this effort was successful.

While the work was somewhat delayed by various unforeseen causes, it was so far completed during the vacation of the courts as to permit the re-opening of the library, with all of the books in place, on the opening day of the November term of the Supreme Court.

The changes yet to be made, and which will be completed before this report is printed, include the finishing of a room in the

attic, over the Librarian's office, and the placing of shelving therein; replacing with steel the wooden shelving in the work room; the opening of a doorway from the upper hall into the same room, in order to prevent unnecessary traveling through the library to raise and lower the flag on the front of the building, and the changing of the glass in the sky-lights in the library.

All of these improvements and changes will be completed within the appropriation made for the purpose, and when finished will greatly add to the attractiveness of the State Library, which has come to be one of the points of interest to visitors to the Capitol. That they add also to its usefulness has already been demonstrated.

The book purchases made during the year under the direction of the Purchasing Committee of the Commissioners of the State Library have included all of the new law books that are likely to be useful to the courts and members of the New Jersey bar, but the general library has not been neglected. The reports of the higher courts and the laws of the various States are received through a system of exchange that has been in operation for several years.

Among the more important sets that were bought were: The New York Miscellaneous Reports, 41 volumes; the English Justice of the Peace Reports, 66 volumes; Whig and Tribune Almanacs, 1847 to 1904; Dunlap's Pennsylvania Packet or General Advertiser, covering the important period from October, 1773, to April, 1776; Brewer's World's Best Essays, 10 volumes; Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, 4 volumes; Scots Law Times Reports, 9 volumes; the Encyclopaedia of Evidence; New International Encyclopaedia, 17 volumes; Riker's Early Harlem; Library of Universal Classics, 32 volumes; Twiss' Bracton's History of English Early Laws and Customs; Davies' Art of Heraldry; Cram's Ancient and Modern Atlas of the World; the American Anthropologist; March's Thesaurus, and about 125 books and pamphlets relating to New Jersey.

Contributions of valuable New Jersey material have been made during the year by William Nelson and J. E. Crowell, Paterson; Francis B. Lee, Rev. Dr. Walter E. Brooks, Henry D. Oliphant, Lewis Parker, A. L. Clark, J. Brognard Betts, Rev. Aloys M. Fish, James Kerney, William H. Miers, C. J. Baxter and E. P. Southwick, Trenton; Hon. John F. Dryden, Hon. R. Wayne Parker, E. S. Campbell, William W. Morris, Winton C. Garrison, the New Jersey Historical Society and the Free Public Library, of Newark; Hon. J. Willard Morgan, Dr. J. Francis Walsh, Dr.

E. L. B. Godfrey, Camden; Dr. F. R. Brace, Blackwood; Rev. Allen H. Brown, Atlantic City; William H. Fischer, Toms River; J. C. Howell, Newton; William J. Chandler, South Orange; William H. Chew, Salem; James J. Reeves, Bridgeton; Edward R. Johnstone and Frank D. Andrews, Vineland; William A. Linn, Hackensack; the Phelps family, Teaneck; Princeton University; Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, and General J. Watts de Peyster, Tivoli, N. Y.

By an act approved March 7th, 1904, the management of the Traveling Libraries, which had theretofore been lodged in the Commissioners of the State Library, was transferred to the Public Library Commission. At the date of the transfer there were but fourteen of the sixty-two libraries in operation. These were stationed at Metuchen, New Market and Spotswood, Middlesex county; Beemerville and Branchville, Sussex county; Liberty Corner and North Branch, Somerset county; Roadstown, Clayton, Millburn, Pemberton, Daretown, Westwood and Mount Pleasant. A report upon the operations of the Traveling Libraries during the year will be made by the Public Library Commission.

#### THE NEW JERSEY ARCHIVES.

During the year there have been distributed from the State Library, under the direction of the Commissioners, Volumes 22 of the First Series, and 2 of the Second Series, of the New Jersey Archives. Two more volumes, 23 and 24 of the First Series, will be distributed within a few days.

The distribution of Archives forms an increasingly important part of the work of the Library, as the number of volumes grows and their interest and value become more generally known. Historical students in New Jersey and in all parts of the country have warmest words of praise for the liberality of our State in publishing these volumes and for the admirable manner in which they have been edited. They are generally regarded as one of the most valuable contributions to American history that have been issued by any State in the Union. No State has a more interesting history than ours. Few have such a richness of historical material. These volumes are therefore a revelation, even to most of our own citizens, of the wealth and importance of the manuscript records in the State House and elsewhere, illustrating the annals of New Jersey.

The story of the "New Jersey Archives" is interesting in itself.

In 1841 the State of New York—in response to memorials presented to the Legislature in 1814 and 1838 by the New York Historical Society, followed up later by personal efforts—sent John Romeyn Brodhead abroad to glean among foreign archives, especially in Holland and England, for documents illustrative of her early history. His labors were eminently successful, and were subsequently embodied in ten large quarto volumes published by that State. While he was still abroad the Legislature of New Jersey was urged to make an appropriation to engage his services to make similar researches relative to the early history of our State, and in 1844 Governor Daniel Haines, in his annual message, recommended such an appropriation. The matter was referred to a special committee, who presented a favorable report, but a bill for the purpose failed of passage. Governor Haines again urged action, in his message in 1845, but the Legislature failed to respond.

Similar efforts met with a like fate in 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849 and 1850. But in 1847 the New Jersey Historical Society, which had been organized two years earlier, appointed a committee of seven "to obtain subscriptions to procure an analytical index to documents in English archives relating to New Jersey." In September, 1849, the society was informed that \$485 had been collected for the purpose, and that Henry Stevens, the United States Dispatch Agent in London, had been employed to prepare the index, and had already procured abstracts of seven hundred papers in the Public Record office, of dates between 1664 and 1714. At a meeting of the society on September 11, 1851, it was reported that there had been received from Mr. Stevens nine portfolios, containing 1,800 cards in all, constituting an index or calendar of as many documents, covering the period from 1664 to the end of 1775.

The Legislature in 1852 voted \$500 for the purchase of copies of the proposed "Analytical Index to the Colonial Documents of New Jersey," containing the work of Mr. Stevens, and abstracts of manuscripts from other sources. This volume, carefully edited by William A. Whitehead, was published in 1858. The Index simply whetted the appetite of those who could appreciate its contents, for more. The sentiment steadily grew, but it was not till 1872 that the Legislature, under the lead of the Hon. Nathaniel Niles, of Morris county, then Speaker of the Assembly, made its first appropriation, \$3,000, "to procure copies of colonial documents, papers, and minutes of Council, directly referring to the history of East and West Jersey and of New Jersey, now on file

in the State Paper Office in London, England, the said documents, papers and pamphlets to be procured and said sum expended under the direction of the New Jersey Historical Society, and paid to them by the Treasurer of this State, on their order, for that purpose."

By a supplement, approved March 5, 1874, an additional appropriation of \$3,000 was made to procure copies of such documents and papers as might be found in the several offices or elsewhere. In 1878 the Legislature voted \$1,000 more for the same purpose, and for "arranging, collating and printing the said papers." The first volume was issued in 1880. In 1881 the Legislature appropriated \$3,000 annually for three years; and again in 1884 voted \$3,000 annually for three years; in 1888, \$3,000 annually for five years; in 1893, \$3,000; in 1897, \$1,300; in 1898, and annually since, \$3,500, to carry on the work.

Under the acts providing for the printing, 1,000 copies of each volume are deposited in the State Library, and 500 copies are given to the New Jersey Historical Society, in consideration of the use of its great store of original material and its services in editing the work. The copies deposited in the State Library are distributed under the direction of the Commissioners of the Library, the aim being to place them where they will be accessible to the public, and will be most useful. Owing to a lack of system in the distribution at first, the State Library has no copies of the first ten volumes on hand. A considerable number of all the other volumes, except XVIII, are still available for distribution. The present practice is to supply the later volumes to those possessing the first ten, so as to complete as many sets as possible.

A better idea of the value and interest of the New Jersey Archives will be had from the following summary of the contents of the several volumes:

#### FIRST SERIES.

**Volume 1.** Documents, 1631-1687. Patent, June 3, 1631, for lands now in Cape May county. Patent, March 12, 1663-4, Charles II. to James, Duke of York, for New Jersey, from a contemporary exemplified copy, in the New Jersey Historical Society; lease and release from James, Duke of York, to Lord John Berkeley and Sir George Carteret, for New Jersey, June 23-24, 1664, from the originals in the New Jersey Historical Society; deeds for lands at Elizabethtown and in Monmouth county; commission of Governor Philip Carteret, and instructions to him; concessions and agreements of the Lords Proprietors, etc., etc. These documents are collected from many sources, principally original. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1880. 8vo. pp. xxiii, 556.

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**Volume II.** Documents, 1687-1703. Concludes the history of the Proprietary government; largely from original documents in the New Jersey Historical Society. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1881. 8vo. pp. xxi., 559.

**Volume III.** Documents, 1703-1709. Administrations of Lord Cornbury (the first Royal Governor). Lord John Lovelace, and Lieutenant Governor Richard Ingoldesby. Principally from the Public Record Office, London, but supplemented from the papers of James Alexander, manuscripts of the New Jersey Historical Society, and other sources. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1881. 8vo. pp. xiii, 512.

**Volume IV.** Documents, 1709-1720. Administrations of Governor Robert Hunter and President Lewis Morris. From the Public Record Office, London; New York Colonial Manuscripts, Rutherford Manuscripts, Whitehead Manuscripts, and Manuscripts of the New Jersey Historical Society. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1882. 8vo. pp. xv, 464.

**Volume V.** Documents, 1720-1737. Administrations of Governor William Burnet, Governor John Montgomerie, President Lewis Morris, Governor William Cosby, President John Anderson, and President John Hamilton. From Public Record Office, London; New Jersey Historical Society Manuscripts, Rutherford Manuscripts, Whitehead Manuscripts, New York Colonial Documents. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1882. 8vo. pp. xvi, 520.

**Volume VI.** Documents, 1738-1747. This volume marks the beginning of the government of New Jersey under a Royal Governor exclusively its own. From 1703 the same Governor had ruled over New York and New Jersey, although holding a separate commission for each. Lewis Morris was the first Royal Governor of New Jersey under the new regime. The present volume covers his administration and that of President John Hamilton and President John Reading. The sources are the English Public Record Office, the New Jersey Historical Society's Manuscripts, the Rutherford Manuscripts, records in the Secretary of State's office, New York Colonial Manuscripts, etc. The New Jersey Historical Society has the original letter-books of Governor Morris. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1882. 8vo. pp. xvi, 482.

**Volume VII.** Documents, 1746-1751. Part of administration of Governor Jonathan Belcher. From the Belcher Papers in the Massachusetts Historical Society, and copies therefrom in the New Jersey Historical Society; the Papers of Ferdinand John Paris, the London agent of New Jersey, in the latter society; the Papers of Chief Justice Robert Hunter Morris and other Manuscripts, in the latter society; the Whitehead Manuscripts, the Rutherford Manuscripts, the New York Colonial Manuscripts, the English Public Record Office, etc. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1883. 8vo. pp. xvi, 663.

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**Volume VIII.** Documents, 1751-1757. Completing the administration of Governor Belcher. Sources substantially the same as those of Volume VII. Edited by William A. Whitehead. Newark, 1885. 8vo. pp. xix, 299, 285.

**Volume IX.** Documents, 1757-1767. Administrations of President John Reading, Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Pownall, Governor Francis Bernard, Governor Thomas Boone, Governor Josiah Hardy, and part of the administration of Governor William Franklin. Sources, Public Record Office, London; Manuscripts of the New Jersey Historical Society, Manuscripts of William A. Whitehead, Records in the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton; New York Colonial Manuscripts in the State Library at Albany; New York Colonial Documents, Pennsylvania Colonial Records and Pennsylvania Archives. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord and William Nelson. Newark, 1885. 8vo. pp. xxi, 656.

**Volume X.** Documents, 1767-1776. Administration of Governor William Franklin. Sources—same as for Volume IX. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord and William Nelson. Newark, 1886. 8vo. pp. xx, 748.

General index to preceding ten volumes, prepared by Frederick W. Ricord. Newark, 1888. pp. (4), 198.

**Volume XI.** I. Some account of American Newspapers, particularly of the Eighteenth Century, and Libraries in which they may be found. Part I.—Alabama-Maryland. II. Extracts from American Newspapers, relating to New Jersey. Vol. I, 1704-1739. Paterson, 1894. 8vo. pp. cxxxi (History of Newspapers and Printers), 623. Edited by William Nelson.

**Volume XII.** Some account of American Newspapers, particularly of the Eighteenth Century, and Libraries in which they may be found. Part 2—Massachusetts. II. Extracts from American Newspapers, relating to New Jersey. Vol. II., 1740-1750. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson, 1895. 8vo. pp. (12), cxxvii-cclxviii. (History of Newspapers, etc.), 729.

**Volume XIII.** Journal of the Governor and Council. Vol. I, 1682-1714. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord and William Nelson. In 1870, there came to light a large folio manuscript volume containing the record of the Governor and Council in East Jersey, from 1682 to 1703. This had formerly been in the State Library, and had been borrowed for temporary use some years before. The Legislature ordered it printed, but the copying was imperfectly done. The Journals of the Governor and Council under the Royal Government, from 1703, were never published. The originals were preserved in the Provinces, but are believed to have been carried away by Governor Franklin, when he was removed from New Jersey by order of the Continental Congress; in that case, they were doubtless destroyed in the great fire in New York, when Governor Franklin's papers were consumed. Copies were made from time to time and transmitted by the Governors to London. From these copies transcripts were made under the direction of the New Jersey Historical Society, at

the expense of the State. Volume XIII. of the Archives contains the "Record of the Governor and Council in East Jersey," 1682-1703, carefully printed from the original manuscripts mentioned above. This forms 298 pages of the present volume. The rest of the volume is made up of the Journal of the Governor and Council in New Jersey, 1703-1715. Trenton, 1890. 8vo. pp. xi, 580.

**Volume XIV.** Journal of the Governor and Council of New Jersey. Vol. II., 1715-1738. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord and William Nelson. Trenton, 1890. 8vo. pp. ix, 567.

**Volume XV.** Journal of the Governor and Council of New Jersey. Vol. III., 1738-1748. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord and William Nelson. Trenton, 1891. pp. vii, 656.

**Volume XVI.** Journal of the Governor and Council of New Jersey. Vol. IV., 1748-1755. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord. Trenton, 1891. pp. iv, 596.

**Volume XVII.** Journal of the Governor and Council of New Jersey. Vol. V., 1756-1768. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord. Trenton, 1892. pp. iv, 538.

**Volume XVIII.** Journal of the Governor and Council of New Jersey. Vol. VI., 1769-1775. Edited by Frederick W. Ricord. Trenton, 1893. pp. iv, 581.

**Volume XIX.** I. Some account of Early American Newspapers, and Libraries in which they may be found. Part 3—Michigan-New Hampshire. II. Extracts from American Newspapers, relating to New Jersey. Vol. III., 1751-1755. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson, 1897. pp. lxxviii, (2), 614.

**Volume XX.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. IV., 1756-1761. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson, 1898. pp. xii, 704.

**Volume XXI.** Calendar of Records in the Office of the Secretary of State. 1664-1703. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson, 1899. 8vo. pp. xii, (2), 770.

**Volume XXII.** Marriage Records, 1665-1800. Edited, with an historical introduction on the early marriage laws of New Jersey, and on the precedents on which they are founded, by William Nelson. Paterson, 1900. (Issued in 1903.) 8vo. pp. xii, (2), ix-cxxvi, 678. This volume contains an index to marriage bonds and marriage records in the office of the Secretary of State, at Trenton, pp. 465; Hackensack Reformed (Dutch) Church Marriage Records, 1695-1800, pp. 467-514; Schraalenburgh Reformed (Dutch) Church Marriage Records, 1724-1801, pp. 515-548; Paramus Reformed (Dutch) Church Marriage Records, 1799-1801, pp. 549-551; Bergen County Clerk's Marriage Records, 1795-1800, pp. 553-554; Bergen Reformed (Dutch) Church Marriage Records, 1664-1801, pp. 555-

581; Essex County Clerk's Marriage Records, 1795-1801, pp. 582-598; Marriage Records of Baptist Church at Lyons Farms, 1795-1800, pp. 599-604; Second River Reformed (Dutch) Church Marriage Records, 1730-1774, 1794-1800, pp. 605-619; Christ Church, New Brunswick, Marriage Records, 1758-1778, pp. 620-623; New Brunswick Reformed (Dutch) Church Marriage Records, 1794-1799, pp. 624-628; Middlesex County Clerk's Marriage Records, 1795-1800, pp. 629-642; Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church Marriage Records, 1745-1776, pp. 643-647; Scotch Plains Baptist Church Marriage Records, 1758-1761, pp. 647-649; Chesterfield (Burlington county) Friends' Monthly Meeting Marriage Records, 1686-1800, pp. 650-678. Brief sketches are given of the several churches.

**Volume XXIII.** Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. I., 1670-1730. Edited, with an introductory note on the early testamentary laws and customs of New Jersey, by William Nelson. Paterson, 1901 (Issued in October, 1904), pp. lxxxix, 662. The abstracts of wills, letters of guardianship and letters of administration are arranged in the alphabetical order of names of the testators and intestates. The index covers pages 533-662.

**Volume XXIV.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. V., 1762-1765. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson, 1902. (Issued in November, 1904.) 8vo. pp. xi, 745.

**Volume XXV.** Extracts from American newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. VI., 1766-1767. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson. 8vo. pp. xii, 563. (In the press.)

**Volume XXVI.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. VII., 1768-1769. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson. 8vo. pp. 593. (In the press.)

**Volume XXVII.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. VIII., 1770-1771. Edited by William Nelson. Paterson. (In the press.)

Other volumes in preparation and in contemplation will conclude the series of Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey, down to the beginning of the Revolution, or for the years 1772-1775, probably three volumes. The manuscript for a second volume of Abstracts of Wills, 1731-1750, was prepared, but was destroyed in the Paterson fire in 1902. It is hoped to replace this manuscript and to issue the volume in this series. The manuscript for a third volume of Abstracts of Wills, 1751-1760, is ready for the printers, but it is not deemed expedient to go to the press with it until the manuscript for the second volume shall have been replaced and printed. It has also been in contemplation a long time to reprint the Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, with such historical introduction and notes as may add

to its value and usefulness to the lawyer, and to historical students in general.

SECOND SERIES.

Some years ago it was concluded to begin a Second Series of the Archives, without waiting for the completion of the First Series. Files of American Newspapers from 1776-1783 extant in various public libraries, were ransacked, and all their contents relating to New Jersey were carefully transcribed. The late Adjutant-General William S. Stryker cheerfully undertook the work of editing this series of volumes. He prepared the manuscript for one volume, which was issued after his death, under the supervision of Francis B. Lee. Mr. Lee has also edited a second volume. A third volume is now in the press, and other volumes will follow, probably at the rate of one a year, until the Revolutionary period shall have been covered.

In this series, it has also been in contemplation to print several volumes of correspondence with the Executive and others relating to New Jersey, during the Revolution, and the material has been procured for three or four volumes of this character.

**Volume I.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. I., 1776-1777. Edited by William S. Stryker, A. M., LL. D., Adjutant-General of New Jersey. Trenton, 1901. pp. vi, 5-614.

**Volume II.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. II., 1778. Edited by Francis B. Lee. Trenton, 1903. (Issued in the summer of 1904.) pp. vii, 648.

**Volume III.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. III., 1779. Edited by William Nelson. (In the press.)

**Volume IV.** Extracts from American Newspapers relating to New Jersey. Vol. IV., 1780. Edited by Francis B. Lee. (In the press.)

A new General Index for the first twenty volumes of the First Series is greatly to be desired.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,

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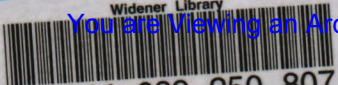
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