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CECILIUS CALVERT

SECOND BARON OF BALTIMORE
AND FIRST LORD PROPRIETARY OF MARYLAND

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TO

MY WIFE

WITHOUT WHOSE ENCOURAGEMENT
THESE LECTURES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

PREFACE.

The following lectures upon Maryland Colonial History, delivered before the Johns Hopkins University, in McCoy Hall, during the months of February and March, 1902, were provided for by the Maryland Society of the Colonial Dames of America, while the particular subject was selected, and the lecturer appointed, by the Faculty of the University. The lectures were open to the public.

They are six in number, and the time for the delivery of each lecture was limited to one hour. The time,—six hours in all,—did not admit of the presentation of a complete history of the colonial period of Maryland. All that has been attempted is to present a brief sketch of the lives and characters of the several Barons of Baltimore, Lords Proprietary of Maryland, together with a review of the salient facts connected with the history of the Province of Maryland, and the relations of the Proprietaries thereto.

Maryland was not the only one of the English colonies in America which had a proprietary government; but its peculiar constitution as a Palatinate Province, presents many special features of interest to the student of political institutions; and the establishment in the Province of Religious Toleration, in an age of intolerance, gives special lustre to the story. While the limitations of time were such as to require brevity and condensation in treatment, it is hoped that in these lectures no material facts, necessary for a true and intelligible presentation of the subject, have escaped mention.

In offering them, through the press, to a larger audience than that which was from week to week assembled in McCoy Hall, it has been thought better to adhere to the original form in which they were prepared for oral delivery, rather than to recast them in a form that would be appropriate, if the object were to present a complete historical narrative of the period under consideration.

Interest in the colonial history of Maryland, and facilities for its study have both been greatly extended within the last quarter of a century.

Thirty years ago the principal books which had been published relating specially to this subject were Bozman's History of Maryland, in two volumes, and McMahon's Historical View of the Government of Maryland, of which one volume only was ever published.

Of these, the former covers only the period from the settlement of the Province until the year 1660. This history was written by John Leeds Bozman of Talbot County, and the first volume, comprising the introduction, was published in 1811; but the entire work was not printed until 1837. Its compilation evinces learning and judgment, and derived as the material was, from manuscript records scattered through various public offices, ill-arranged and almost wholly without index, it gives evidence of a most laborious and indefatigable industry.

The second book mentioned, Volume I., of an His-