

The printed "Votes and Proceedings" of the three sessions of the Lower House of the Assembly of Maryland for the year 1773, are excessively rare.

Of the June Session the only known copy and the one from which these photostats have been made, is in the Library of the British Museum. Of the October Session and the November Session, the only known copies of each and those from which these photostats have been taken, were very recently acquired by the Maryland Historical Society from the library formerly owned by James McSherry, the Maryland historian.

Apart from the bibliophilic value of these three unique items of colonial printing, the recovery of the proceedings of the November Session is also of great historical value, as there was no record of the proceedings of this session, either printed or in manuscript, known to be in existence before this pamphlet came to light. Why such a gap existed in the otherwise complete roll of manuscript Assembly proceedings, owned by the State, cannot be explained, nor is it known why the printed "Votes and Proceedings" for the year 1773 are so excessively rare.