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#### POSITIVELY PREVENTS

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NEAL FARNHAM, GEN'L MANAGER.

IN REPLY PLEASE ADDRESS:

New York Office Oct. 5th. 03

Dr. A.K.Hedel,  
Madison St. bet Howard & Park,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

Our Mr. Waples was here yesterday and we had a talk about your Battle Monument. The writer had a talk with some of your officials about a year ago, when we were working for the Government in Washington, and I am quite familiar with the conditions.

It must be appearant to you and the people of Baltimore that this valuable monument is fast going to pieces. You as a professional man know full well the relative subsequent proportional decay that takes place in either the human body or a tooth, after decay has once set in through disease, and I can say to you that after rot once takes a good hold of marble or in fact any stone, the damage resulting in the second ten years will be far greater than in the first. The condition of your monument is such therefore that in another generation, it will be a mass of crumbled stone. These are facts and can be treated as may seem best.

The question that probably confronts you is what is best to do?

From our standpoint the only rational thing to do is to arrest the decay which can be done through the filling of the pores by hot paraffine heated in. Then the surface cleaned off by our sand blast, and you will have no traces of the paraffine on the surface, but the monument will be incased as it were in pure paraffine, which is the best protection in the world to-day against the ravages of the weather.

The value of this treatment is too well known to need extended comment. It is rational and appeals to every thinking mind. You incorporate into the pores a substance that resists every known acid and alkali. It is therefore non-perishable like the oils and other make-shifts, so often resorted to. It is so pure that you can chew it. It is used for sealing jars of preserves. Properly applied it cannot possibly do the least harm. Therefore it differs from these secret processes so often offered on the market. Beware of these secrets.

Then to finish off the work with dry sand and pure air is another method that cant possibly do any harm as we handle it.

Our charge for doing that work complete, first thoroughly pointing up every joint with a hard cement, then paraffining and afterwards finishing off the work with our sand and air, would be \$1000.00

With this attention at this time, the monument can be retained indefinitely in its present condition.

We should be very glad to take up the subject further with you.

Very truly,

National Waterproofing & Cleaning Co.,

By *Mac Gowan*, Gen'l. Manager.

"It is hard to realize that such a suggestion (the removal of the Battle Monument from its present-and original-location) is made in earnest and I cannot believe it will be taken seriously as any consideration of the matter should utterly condemn it and public opinion unquestionably will veto same.

If there is one <sup>public</sup> monument which should be dear to Baltimoreans, to Marylanders and to the country at large,---if there is one monument which should be venerated and which should remain unmolested on its present site it is that monument erected to those who fell in the defense of Baltimore in the achievement of the victory of September 12-13, 1814, the decisive and crowning event of that "War of 1812" which finally set the seal of freedom on these United States.

One of the arguments advanced by the proponents of the measure is that its present location is not historic---that there is no reason why the structure should not be moved and would do as well in the Civic Centre as where it now stands. Let us marshal the facts, and see.

"History is an authentic and systematic record of events in the career of a nation or of a community" and the derivative adjective "historic" means "noted in history"

Could we have a more historic monument or a more historic site for one? The Battle Monument originated from a meeting of the Committee of Vigilance and Safety which met on March 1, 1815, to prepare a suitable tribute to those who fell in defence of the City and for the perpetuation of the victory achieved.

Maximilian Godefroy was the architect and the sculptor was the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Antonio Capellano who ranked with the celebrated Canova as an artist. It was completed and dedicated on September 12, 1822, since which time it has stood on its original site and there has/been the centre of those patriotic celebrations so well known to all Baltimoreans when the <sup>survivors</sup> ~~survivors~~ the Old Defenders held their ceremonies at this spot.

The thousands and hundreds of thousands who have visited Baltimore have viewed this beautiful shaft in the place where it now stands and if there is such a thing as "prescriptive right" it must belong to the mon-

ument in its present location. Again its present site is historic for at this place stood the first court house. In 1768--on June 22, to be exact, an Act was passed for the erection of a court-house for Baltimore County in the town of Baltimore and by this Act the county seat was moved from Joppa so that local historians date the growing importance of Baltimore to this fact. According to the old Act of 1784 the court-house stood about 20 feet above the then pitch of Calvert Street and according to old surveys immediately over the spot upon which the Monument is placed. The said court-house was torn down and the hill levelled in the year 1809, so that all that remains to fix this <sup>historically interesting</sup> ~~historically interesting~~ location is the Monument we are urged to remove.

Again there are others who claim that "the growing demands of traffic" demand such removal. In answer to this I would say in the first place that I dispute the assertion and deny it as a matter of fact. The Battle Monument stands in a very broad plaza and the pavements and streets on either side are of sufficient width to amply take care of the pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Indeed it may be said to aid the care of traffic by <sup>separation</sup> ~~separation~~ of north-bound from south-bound travel in the lower portion of the plaza where it stands and to afford in the centre ~~and~~ the north side of Fayette Street a spot of safety--an oasis--for the distressed pedestrian who otherwise might be compelled to run the gauntlet of street-cars and automobiles across the very broad space which separates the Court-House from the Post-Office.

Indeed anyone who is familiar with this location is aware that so broad is the plaza or square that automobiles are daily parked at the curb on either side of the enclosure of the Monument.

But even if this were not so must we sacrifice <sup>our most cherished</sup> ~~our most cherished~~ patriotic shrine --a shrine of local and national importance -- to the wishes of a few automobilists or a street car company by tearing it from its present site where for over a <sup>century</sup> ~~century~~ it has stood and where it still stands to remind the Baltimorean and the visitor within his gates of those principles of liberty and independence for which our forefathers stood and for which they were willing to shed their blood. This is a utilitarian age but I cannot

believe my fellow-citizens ~~would~~ be willing for this proposed removal in order as one proponent expresses it that the comparatively small space the Monument takes "could be used for parking space or street car tracks could be run right down Calvert Street. But it makes no difference what it would be used for, traffic demands the monument be moved". Street car tracks do run down Calvert Street and it does make a difference to every patriotic citizen if the Monument be moved.

Again some one has advanced the necessity of adorning the Civic Centre. If this be an argument let us answer it by the <sup>"argumentum ad absurdum"</sup> ~~"argumentum ad absurdum"~~ in the suggestion that the Washington Monument at Mount Vernon Square ~~might be~~ is a more imposing shaft and might better serve to adorn the vacant space in front of the City Hall. The removal of this monument might also "relieve traffic" at Charles and Monument Streets and the place thus left vacant could be utilized by the municipality in establishing a parking space for automobiles where a rental could be charged to enure to the benefit of the City.

In conclusion I believe the removal of the Battle Monument is not only absolutely uncalled for but would be an act of vandalism.

Office  
Superintendent of Lamps and Lighting  
City Hall.

ROBERT J. McCUEN,  
Superintendent.

BALTIMORE, July 8 1909.

J. Appleton Wilson, Esqr.,  
800 - 801 Law Building,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

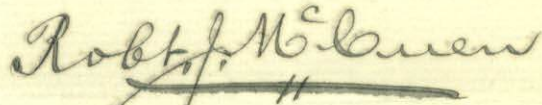
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, with enclosed sketch for lamp standards for Battle Monument, which are noted.

I am asking for designs from several parties and when these designs are submitted for inspection I will be pleased to notify you so as to enable you to pass your judgment upon them.

Do you think the design represented by your sketch will be satisfactory to your Society of the War of 1812 ?

If so, I shall make an effort to obtain such standards.

Yours, very truly,



Supt of Lamps and Lighting.

RJMcC/GH.

Office  
Superintendent of Lamps and Lighting  
City Hall.

ROBERT J. McCUEN,  
Superintendent.

BALTIMORE, July 14 1909.

J. Appleton Wilson, Esqr.,  
800 - 801 Law Building,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 9th instant, I beg to assure you that it will be my pleasure to comply with your wish and that of the members of the Society of the War of 1812 in every particular, in connection with lamps for the Battle Monument.

Yours very truly,

*Robert J. McCuen*  
Supt of Lamps and Lighting.

RJMcC/GH.

*Note also - on  
May 13, 1910*

Office  
Superintendent of Lamps and Lighting  
City Hall.

ROBERT J. McCUEN,  
Superintendent.

BALTIMORE, May 16, 1910.

J. Appleton Wilson, Esqr.,  
Historian,  
The Society of the War of 1812,  
in Maryland,  
1323 North Calvert Street, City.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 13th instant and I note what you say with regard to the lamp standards for the Battle Monument.

Although I have made several attempts I have so far failed to secure lamp standards for the Monument, similar to those indicated in your sketch.

I am waiting to hear from the A. W. Findlay Company of Philadelphia, the manager of whom informed me that perhaps his firm might be able to furnish what we wanted.

I would be pleased to see you at this office, when you can find it convenient, that we may discuss this matter further.

Yours very truly,

*Robert J. McCuen*  
Supt of Lamps and Lighting.



J. BARRY MAHOOL,  
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office,

BALTIMORE, MD., May 12, 1911.

Mr. J. A. Wilson,  
Law Building,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your favor of May 10th and note what you say in regard to the railing around the Battle Monument, and in reply desire to say that I will have this matter taken up at once by the Park Board who have charge of all the monuments in the City.

Thanking you for bringing this matter to my attention, I am,

Very truly yours,

*J. Barry Mahool*  
Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE.**

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SECRETARY.

CARL K. MENGEL,  
PROPERTY AGENT.

June 16, 1911.

J. Appleton Wilson, Esq.,  
Law Building, City.

Dear Sir:

Our General Superintendent reports to me today that he has gotten certain figures on the repairs to the fence around the Monument, about which you wrote, and that he wants to get additional figures before he directs the work to be done, but that the work will be done shortly.

Very truly yours,

*George Weems Williams*

GWW/D



JAMES H. PRESTON  
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

October  
Twenty-ninth  
Nineteen Twelve.

Mr. John Appleton Wilson,  
Historian, Society of the War of 1812,  
300 Law Building,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:--

Beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28th relative to the alleged dumping of debris, etc., at the "Battle Monument," and I assure you the matter will be looked into.

Yours very truly,

*James H. Preston*

Mayor.

G-g

S. E. KURTZ

SAC CITY, IOWA. 5, 6, 1915.

Mayor of Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:- Some of my ancestors were killed in  
defense the nation and your city of Baltimore during the  
War of 1812 and if the whole list of names is not too long  
I would like very much to receive the names on the Monument  
in your city to their memory.

Respectfully,

Mrs. S. E. Kurtz

Answer. May 12, 1915

give the names on monument - &  
city list of the war, send the names of ancestors  
I might be able to find out something about them  
yours.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS  
CITY HALL

OSCAR J. HOOK, CLERK



May 11, 1915

Mr. John Appleton Wilson,  
Historian, Society, War 1812,  
Law Building, City

Dear Sir:—

I am enclosing herewith inquiry  
from Mrs. S. E. Kurtz, Sac City, Iowa, relative  
to some data on the War 1812.

Will you kindly favor her with the  
desired information, and oblige.

Yours very truly,  
O. J. Hook,  
Clerk

WYATT & NOLTING  
ARCHITECTS  
Baltimore

April 5, 1938

Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect  
347 North Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Laurence:

Immediately upon your telephone inquiry on the obvious work of restoration being done on Godfroy's Monument on Calvert Street, I called upon the building inspector. Mr. Russell told me that Baltimore monuments were in the custody of the Park Board. I thereupon, wrote Mr. Frank H. Durkee of the Park Board asking for information on the proposed alterations.

While awaiting a reply, I happened to be in the office of Rullman and Wilson on other business work with Mr. Hans Schuler, sculptor. Mr. Schuler is carving a fore-arm and wreath, which has dropped from the monument and Mr. Rullman contemplates filling interstices of the stone work with cement. I stated that I thought the architects would wish to see the work of restoration very inconspicuously carried out. Mr. Rullman stated that he understood what I meant and that he would do the best he could considering the present eroded state of the marble.

I trust this will turn out satisfactory and remain,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN H. SCARFF

John H. Scarff, Chairman of the  
Committee on the Preservation of  
Historic Monuments.

JHS:b

Copy to Mr. F.H.Jencks, Secretary Chapter

P.S. A letter today from the Park Board confirm the  
above information.

LAURENCE HALL FOWLER  
ARCHITECT  
347 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland.

April 6, 1938

My dear Mr. Harris:

After you spoke to me about the Battle Monument I called up Harry Scarff, one of whose official duties is outlined on the enclosed letter, and asked him to look into the significance of the scaffolding about which you spoke. The enclosed letter gives the result of Harry Scarff's inquiry.

Very sincerely,

LAURENCE FOWLER.

(COPY)

W. HALL HARRIS  
H. OLIVER THOMPSON  
W. HALL HARRIS, JR.

HARRIS & THOMPSON  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
433-445 TITLE BUILDING  
BALTIMORE, MD.

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April 8, 1938

Mr. James E. Hancock  
2122 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore.

My dear Mr. Hancock:

I am today in receipt of letters from Laurence Fowler and from John H. Scarff, copies of which are enclosed, from which it would appear that proper care is being taken in connection with the partial restoration of the Battle Monument under the supervision of Hans Schuler.

Yours truly,

W. Hall Harris

(enclosures)