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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Headquarters Third Service Command  
509 Tower Building  
Baltimore 2, Maryland



13 March 1944

Mr. James W. Rader, Custodian  
National Park Service  
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine  
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Mr. Rader:

With reference to your communication of 1 March 1944, the records of this headquarters indicate that the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine was placed under the administrative control of the Commanding General, Third Corps Area, under date of 1 July 1930, and that this control was transferred to the Department of the Interior under date of 10 August 1933, in accordance with Executive Order No. 6166, dated 10 June 1933. During this period the information desired is as follows:

Major General Fred W. Sladen - July 1930 to November 1931  
Commanding General, Third Corps Area

Major General Paul B. Malone - December 1931 to August 1933  
Commanding General, Third Corps Area

Colonel Alvin K. Baskette - July 1928 to August 1933  
Quartermaster, Third Corps Area (Representing the Quartermaster General)

For the period from 3 March 1925 to 1 July 1930 the records further indicate that the Quartermaster General was in direct charge acting for the War Department and was responsible for the restoration of Fort McHenry. During this period the information desired is as follows:

Major General William H. Hart - 1922 to 1926  
The Quartermaster General

Major General B. Frank Cheatham - 1926 to 1930  
The Quartermaster General

I wish to assure you that if there is any further information which this headquarters can furnish from our records, we would be pleased to do so.

For the Commanding General:

Sincerely yours,

*H. B. Bliss*  
H. B. BLISS,  
Colonel, QMC,  
Quartermaster.

211 Labrobe Hall  
The Johns Hopkins University

November 20, 1946

Mr. J. A. Krug  
Secretary of the Interior  
Interior Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Krug:

Yesterday I arranged with your secretary, Miss Ramsey, to have a meeting in your office on Tuesday, November 26 at 11 a.m. The following individuals are to attend that meeting with me.

Mr. Nathan L. Smith  
Chief Engineer  
Department of Public Works  
Baltimore, Maryland

Mr. Leon Small  
Chief, Bureau of Water  
Department of Public Works  
Baltimore, Maryland

Both of these gentlemen represent the City of Baltimore.

Since setting that date, it occurred to me that you and your office ought to have a preliminary indication of the purposes of this session.

Approximately 10 years ago, the City of Baltimore found it necessary to consider the prompt reinforcement of its water distribution system in the harbor area of the City. The only means by which this could be accomplished was by the construction of a harbor underwater crossing.

Due to the depression, to the war, and to subsequent restriction in labor and materials, this important link in the system has not yet been built. The City is now prepared, after elaborate explorations, to proceed with this construction in the early part of 1947. The most satisfactory location for this development happens to traverse a very small section of the Fort McHenry reservation.

It is this latter situation that brings us to your office. The National Park Service objects to any entry, even of the temporary nature here involved, for the purposes of this public service of great importance to the industrial and domestic life of the City of Baltimore. It proposes alternatives, presenting major technological and financial disabilities. The controversy at this moment has not been resolved.

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Mr. Krug

November 20, 1946

As consulting engineer to the City of Baltimore, I have recommended that the entire matter be placed before you, where I am sure a fair decision to all parties will result.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) Abel Wolman

Abel Wolman

cc. Mr. Smith  
Mr. Small

C O P Y

UNITED STATES DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington 25, D. C.

December 12, 1946

Mr. Nathan L. Smith, Chief Engineer  
Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Water Supply  
Municipal Office Building  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

My dear Mr. Smith:

Reference is made to my conference of November 26 with Mr. Wolman, Mr. Small and you concerning the proposal of the City of Baltimore to run a 48-inch water main across property within the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

I have consulted with officials of the National Park Service and, while they would prefer that the line not cross the Fort McHenry reservation, they believe that the City of Baltimore should obtain Congressional authority for the use of monument lands as it appears that there is no authority for the issuance of any permit other than a revocable one. Any such limited permit would be subject to possible revocation before the pipe line has served its usefulness or its cost has been liquidated. The City would, undoubtedly, prefer a long-term grant or permanent easement which could be granted only by Congress. As the new Congress will convene January 3, it is suggested that an appropriate bill be prepared for early introduction. The bill should provide that before permission is granted by the Secretary of the Interior, final plans and specifications for the pipe line be approved by the Director, National Park Service, before any construction is started. The Director of the National Park Service indicated that he would not wish to approve plans unless they show that all surface structures such as manholes will be inconspicuous, that all construction is to be of a type to require a minimum of maintenance, and that the disturbed area will be restored by the City to its original condition to the satisfaction of the Director.

If you desire, the Department would be glad to review a draft of bill that you might have introduced in the new Congress. While the Department would not oppose objection to this procedure, I believe that it would be incumbent upon our representatives present at any hearing before a Congressional Committee to point out that an alternate line would be feasible, although at greater expense to the City of Baltimore.

Sincerely yours,

SGD: Oscar L. Chapman, Under Secretary.

cc: Director's Office (by NPS), w/c of Mr. Abel Wolman's let. Nov. 20-46 to  
Region One " " ditto Mr. Krug  
Custodian, Ft. McHenry " " ditto

C O P Y

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
FORT MCHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT  
AND HISTORIC SHRINE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

#30

December 16, 1946

Mr. James E. Hancock  
521 West Lombard St.  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Hancock:

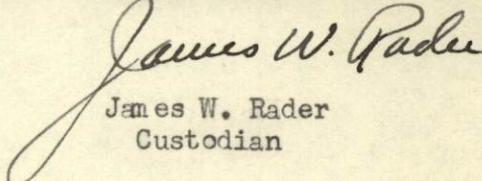
In accordance with my promise to keep you and the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland informed of the developments in the matter of the city of Baltimore project to run a 48-inch water main across Fort McHenry, I inclose copies of a letter from Abel Wolman to Secretary Krug, dated November 20, and Under Secretary Oscar L. Chapman's letter to Mr. Nathan L. Smith, dated December 12, all on this subject. I am also inclosing extra copies which you might send to Col. George E. Ijams, President of the Society, whose address I do not have.

It looks like the City will move to get Congressional authority to build this pipe line.

I will keep you informed as I learn of any further developments.

With kind regards and best wishes for a Happy Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
James W. Rader  
Custodian

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
FORT McHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT  
AND HISTORIC SHRINE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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*one  
copy  
2nd sheet  
Rader*

November 19, 1951

Mr. William H. Pitcher  
215 Longwood Road  
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Mr. Pitcher:

Our Regional office advises that the personnel ceiling limitations imposed by the last congress on appropriations does not apply to donated funds. This means that I could spend any funds donated by the City for use at Fort McHenry for employment of labor. That was the question raised at our recent conversation on this subject.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and sincerely hope something can be worked out on it.

Sincerely yours,

*James W. Rader*

James W. Rader  
Superintendent



1) Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
in favor of bridge -  
Constellation endangered  
& harbor.

2) Wait for Mtg.

# The Society For Environmental Litigation

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EXPRESSWAY TUNNEL CASE

*Mr. Kerpleman - called  
by phone at home of Pres.  
asked for names of those  
who may wish to join as*

August 8, 1972

*plaintiffs against the  
tunnel or highway near  
Ft. McHenry. D.*

*Kerpleman* →

Mr. Dennis Blizzard, President  
Society of the War of 1812  
805 Kellogg Road  
Lutherville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Blizzard:

On behalf of the Locust Point Civic Association, I would like to thank you for your expressed interest in the federal suit which they are planning to file soon, seeking to prohibit the Highways Department from constructing ventilating shafts upon the perimeter of the Ft. McHenry property.

These shafts, as projected, will rise approximately 40 feet in height, will be 100 yards in breadth, they will be a distance of not more than 100 yards from the Star Fort itself, and will pour out air containing carbon monoxide fumes in a concentration of 200 parts per million. The United States Public Health Service say their standards provide that human beings may be subjected to 30 parts per million for a period of one hour, once a year, without threat to health. Aside from esthetics, and the physical intrusion on a National Shrine, I believe that these facts fully speak for themselves.

We are also very much concerned about vibration and its effects on the aged mortar of the Star Fort. The tunnel will go directly under the Star Fort.

*8/11/72*

*wants if delay  
of decision until  
Oct. Mtg.*

Continued--8/8/72

*on phone to home to  
see.*

As I explained to you, The Locust Point Civic Association has been advised by me that it would be apt to include as Plaintiffs other civic associations which may be interested in the matter, and, of course, in this respect, if your society would wish to become a Plaintiff, that would be ideal.

Also, it would be advisable to have six to eight persons as individuals in the status of "taxpayers". I would be particularly interested, from a public relations standpoint, in having this small group of "taxpayers" composed exclusively of direct descendants of persons who were in the battle, either at North Point or at the Fort.

While the Locust Point Association would expect some sharing of the expenses of the suit, if the society would wish to joint as a Plaintiff, there would be absolutely no financial obligation assumed by the individuals who would be named as "taxpayer" Plaintiffs.

Assistance by your group in either of these respects would be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Leonard J. Kerpelman*  
Leonard J. Kerpelman  
Attorney for Locust Point  
Civic Association

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Mr. Dennis F. Blizzard  
805 Kellogg Road  
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

Dear Mr. Blizzard:

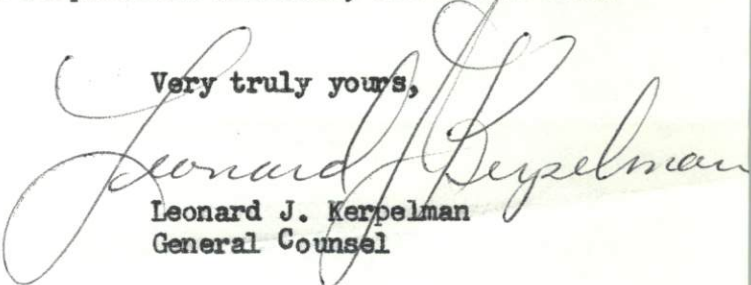
You people are astounding!

Would you please let me have a copy of the roster of your members, or at least a part of the roster, so that we can contact some individuals on an individual basis who might be willing to assist us!

I really find your refusal to become concerned about Ft. McHenry even more astounding than the desire of the Department of Transportation and the cement salesmen to want to destroy the place.

I would weep with grief if I thought that you were human beings, let alone responsible citizens, but I fear that you are not.

Very truly yours,

  
Leonard J. Kerpelman  
General Counsel

LJK:mca

The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland

PRESIDENT  
DENNIS F. BLIZZARD  
803 KELLOGG ROAD  
LUTHERVILLE, MARYLAND 21093



FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1814

August 23, 1972

Mr. Leonard J. Kerpelman  
2403 Rogers Building  
Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Dear Mr. Kerpelman:

In reply to your critical and insulting letter of August 21, 1972, I should like to correct your reading of my letter of August 8, 1972. I stated that our meeting on the 10th comprised too few members to conclude a position and that I would again present the matter at a full board meeting in October.

Your stated reservations regarding the humanity and citizenship of persons whom you do not know, precludes any usefulness that our names would have to your purposes.

Yours truly,

*Dennis F. Blizzard*  
Dennis F. Blizzard

*Not sent  
at direction  
of Board*

LEONARD J. KERPELMAN

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2403 ROGERS BUILDING  
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CONSULTATIVE CHAMBERS AT  
ROOM 1708 HORIZON HOUSE  
1101 N. CALVERT AT CHASE

April 7, 1973

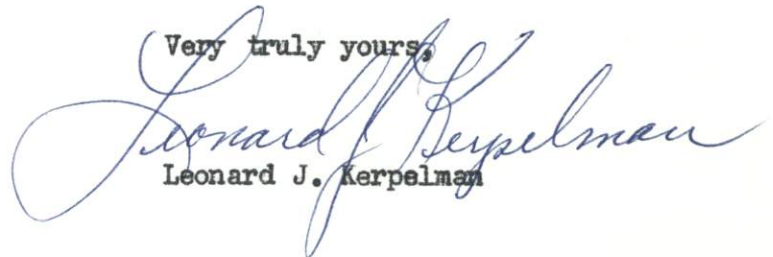
Mr. Dennis F. Blizzard, President  
The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland  
805 Kellogg Road  
Lutherville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Blizzard:

I would appreciate it if you would let me have a list  
of the present officers and members of the Board of Directors  
of your Society.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Leonard J. Kerpelman

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Matter presented at April 27 mtg.  
Council directed Pres. to make  
no response.  
D.B.