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the members of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland (being descendants of those who fought in that war), in particular, most earnestly desire that this spot, so sacred in the memories of our Country's history, should be set apart, preserved and venerated by all true lovers of our Country for all time;

AND WHEREAS a bill has been offered in the Congress of the United States by the provisions of which Fort McHenry would be preserved by the Federal Government as a National Park, which bill has been approved and endorsed by representative citizens and patriotic societies throughout the Country;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Society of the War of 1812, in Maryland, at its One hundred and ninth Annual Meeting, expressing its deep and profound regret at the delay in the passage of said bill, again records most feelingly its earnest desire and request that the said bill be enacted into law without delay;

And we do most solemnly call upon all the Senators and Representatives from this State in Congress to work from now henceforth and without ceasing, for the passage of said bill, feeling convinced that, when set apart for the veneration and respect of all, and for no other use or purpose, the citizenry of these United States will look toward Fort McHenry as one of the Meccas of American patriotism and glory, which will inspire all who really love their country to preserve her laws and institutions as they were outlined by the founders of the Republic and to guard and defend her against all enemies, if necessary, with life itself.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be

sent to each of the United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, and that a copy also be sent to His Excellency the Governor of the State of Maryland and to His Honor the Mayor of the City of Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. FOLEY HISKY,

JOHN L. SANFORD,

JOSIAS PENNINGTON,

Committee.

A BILL.

TO PERPETUATE AND PRESERVE FORT MCHENRY AND THE GROUNDS CONNECTED THEREWITH AS A GOVERNMENT RESERVATION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR AND TO AUTHORIZE ITS PARTIAL USE AS A MUSEUM OF HISTORIC RELICS.

WHEREAS Fort McHenry, the birth-place of our National Anthem, and made memorable by the repulse of the British fleet in the War of 1812, should be retained by the United States to commemorate and perpetuate the important and decisive events in American history sacredly associated with it. Therefore

Section 1.--- BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That Fort McHenry and the government grounds therewith connected shall remain a government reservation under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States and in the control of the War Department for military purposes. Provided further: That said Fort proper and appurtenant grounds may, with the assent and under the control of the Secretary of War, be occupied as a military museum, under such rules and regulations as he in his discretion may prescribe.

Introduced by Rayner. Senate. 4. 15. '12

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At a meeting of the Board of Managers of The Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of Maryland, held this 22nd day of April, A.D. 1912, it was

RESOLVED: That this Society very heartily approves the Bill now pending before The Congress (being Senate Bill No. ~~271~~) providing that Fort McHenry be forever retained as a Military Reservation under the exclusive control of the War Department.

AND that said Bill is earnestly commended to the favorable consideration of Representatives of the State of Maryland to the end that the spot so intimately connected with the history of the Nation be at no time and in no part desecrated by unworthy occupancy or use.

*Approved. July 7. 1912
4/22/12
John T. ...*

THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1814



HENRY HARMON NOBLE
Registrar General
Essex, Essex County
New York

401 Custom House,
ESSEX, New York, N. Y.,
February 22, 1924.

Mr. Richard C. Bernard, Secretary,
Maryland Society War of 1812,
2 East Lexington Street,
Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, regarding efforts toward the preservation of Fort McHenry, I have referred your letter to the Secretary General, Mr. James W. Cox, 88 Willett Street, Albany, New York, asking him to send you the names and addresses of the State Secretaries, as I have not a complete up to date list.

If you will talk with Mr. Houghton, or any of the members, whose names I am sure he can supply you, who have been in attendance from your Society at the Biennial meetings, you can I am sure get the names of members of the other State Societies who are active, and who would be interested in this matter.

Also, writing as the Secretary of the New York Society, I wish to assure you of our interest, and that we most decidedly approve of the efforts of your Society to preserve this historic site, and that we will be glad to cooperate in any way,

Yours very truly,

Henry Harmon Noble
Registrar General.

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February 28, 1924

Joseph M. Bristor, Esquire,
c/o U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.,
Baltimore.

My dear Mr. Bristor:

I am indebted for the pamphlets in the Fort McHenry matter, which you are kind enough to send me, at the request of General Clinton L. Riggs.

By their use I hope to add something to the weight of the renewed effort to secure the results for which we have so long struggled.

Yours very truly,

CLINTON L. RIGGS,
903 NORTH CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Enclosed copy of Bill
H.R. 5261
68 Cong. 1st Session
Forwarded J.H. Lamm

February 28, 1924.

W. Hall Harris, Esq.,
Title Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Harris:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of House Bill No. 5261, introduced on Jan. 11, 1924, by Mr. Linthicum, providing for the restoration of Fort McHenry.

I communicated this morning with Mr. Joseph W. Bristor, at the U.S. Fidelity & Guarantee Co., and he promised me to send to you today a copy of the brochure recently published by Mr. John R. Bland..

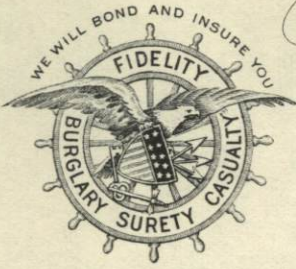
Your offer to have this matter laid before the Secretary of War was greatly appreciated, as I feel that if we can gain Mr. Weeks' support, we may be successful in having this bill passed during the present session of Congress.

Yours very sincerely,

Clinton L. Riggs

R. Howard Bland, President.

Capital Paid, in Cash \$5,000,000.



United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company Baltimore, Md.

Joseph W. Bristol,
Assistant to the President.

February 28, 1924.

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Mr. W. Hall Harris,
Title Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Harris:-

At the request of General Clinton Riggs, Chairman of the Committee on Fort McHenry, Society War 1812, I am sending you by bearer two brochures prepared by the Committee, of which the late Mr. John R. Bland was a member.

With great respect, I am

Yours very truly,

Joseph W. Bristol
Member Committee,
Society- War 1812.



HENRY HARMON NOBLE, SECRETARY

ESSEX, ESSEX COUNTY

NEW YORK

401 Custom House,
New York, N. Y.,
February 29, 1924.

My Dear Mr. Bernard:-

Replying briefly to your letter of the 27th instant, with enclosed resolutions of your Society urging upon Congress the preservation of Fort McHenry as a National Park; we cannot get a meeting of our Society at this time, but the matter will be taken up at a meeting of our Executive Committee, to be held next week, when resolutions in support of yours will be adopted, and copies of these will be sent to our New York Senators and Representatives. Also, the matter will be brought to the particular attention of Congressmen Boylan and Wainwright, members of the Committee on Military Affairs from our State, whose names I thank you for giving me, and it will also be taken up with my Congressman, Hon. Bertrand H. Snell, 31st N.Y., and Congressman Peter G. TenEyck, of the Albany District, both of whom are strong personal friends of mine, of all of which I will advise you more particularly after the meeting.

If you can spare us any more copies of your Resolutions I will appreciate it, and I am, with the thanks of our Society for bringing this matter, in which we are deeply interested, to our attention, and with assurances of esteem, and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Harmon Noble
Secretary.

Richard C. Bernard, Esq., Secretary,
The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland.

Extract from letter of March 19, 1924,
From John J. Kindred, M.C., 2nd District New York,
To Dr. W. E. Dold, a member of the New York Society.

"Replying to yours of the 17th in which you refer to a letter from Mr. Henry Harmon Noble, Secretary of the Society of the Second War with Great Britain and asking that I do what I can to further H.R.5261, providing for the restoration of Ft. McHenry by the Federal Government as a National Park:

I shall be very glad indeed, to do all in my power to further the consideration and passage of this worthy measure. A friend of mine, Congressman Linthicum of Maryland, introduced the bill Jan. 11, 1924, and it was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs as you will see from the enclosed reprint of the Bill.

I will have a conference with Mr. Linthicum and see what we can do to facilitate the consideration of the Bill in the Committee and its favorable report to the House of Representatives.

As you may know, the progress of such Bills/^{both}~~before~~ before Committees and the House, is, in many cases very slow, particularly when the House is so congested with appropriation bills and measures of wide national interest as it is at the present time."

401 Custom House,
New York, N. Y.,
March 22, 1924.

My Dear Mr. Bernard:-

The enclosed letters, from Congressmen Boylan and Wainwright, are as you see favorable to the Fort McHenry matter. the other, from my Congressman, is not. But I have considerable confidence in his judgement in such matters, and also, he is a very good friend of mine, and has been frank with me in the matter, as I asked him to be. Also, you know from the papers what the situation is down there, and I know, as he intimates, that any bill carrying an appropriation, as this does, is very closely scrutinized; this without any prejudice to the merit of the case, which is great, as any one must admit.

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Since writing you last it occurs to me that the Secretary of War is, or was, a member of the Massachusetts Society, so they should have some influence with him in this matter, I think.

I will be glad to know of any recent developments, and I am, with assurances of our continued cooperation, and my kind personal regards and best wishes for you and the Maryland Society,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Harrison Noble

Secretary.

Richard C. Bernard, Esq., Secretary,
2 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore, Maryland, March 24, 1924.

Hon. J. Chas. Linthicum,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Linthicum:

Referring to House bill, 5261, introduced by you on Jan. 11, 1924, and which was referred to the committee on Military affairs, providing for the restoration of Fort McHenry, and its permanent preservation as a national park, concerning which bill we recently visited the secretary of war, I have thought it might be interesting, and of value to you to give you certain information which I have accumulated from time to time on this subject.

On or about March, 1906, while I was adjutant general of Maryland, I was informed that Fort McHenry was about to be abandoned by the military authorities, and that the reservation was to be turned over to the secretary of the interior to be used for the purpose of a cattle quarantine. With the object of preserving this historic spot, I immediately went to Washington, and with the cooperation of Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, then acting Secretary of War, I was able to block this transfer, and the same evening returned to Baltimore with a lease on Fort McHenry, given to the State of Maryland for the sum of \$1.00 per annum.

Under date of Nov. 30, 1906, a combined lease and license, under act of Congress approved July 28, 1892, revocable at will by the secretary of war, was made by me, as adjutant general of the state, for the use of the military reservation by the National Guard of Maryland to become effective upon the abandonment of Fort McHenry as a military post by the United States.

Under date of June 21, 1907, a formal instrument, covering the lease of said reservation to the state, but revoking the one of Nov. 30th, 1906, was received by me.

Having been informed by an artillery officer at Fort Howard that the old guns at Fort McHenry, with the gun carriages, had been condemned, and ordered to be sold as junk, I communicated with the secretary of war on April 18, 1907, requesting that these guns, and carriages, be given to the State of Maryland. My communication was returned with the endorsement "these cannon and cannon-balls may be turned over to the City of Baltimore under act of May 22, 1896, authorizing the donation to municipal corporations." This order, signed by F. C. Ainsworth, the adjutant general, as acting secretary of war, was dated April 27, 1907; and directed that the two 8-in. smooth bore cannon; and the five 15-in. smooth bore cannon, and the cannon-balls then on hand at the post, except such as might be desired for ornamental purposes at Fort Howard, and those that might be loaded, should be left at the post.

I was also notified that the gun carriages on which these guns were mounted, could not be donated, and would have to be purchased. With the cooperation of Gen. Peter Leary, Jr., a fund was raised, with which these carriages, and some additional property was purchased, and the guns and carriages so obtained, with suitable inscriptions thereon, were mounted on the ramparts, where they have since remained.

On Aug. 21, 1907, the secretary of war gave permission to the State of Maryland to construct a wharf at Fort McHenry for the use of the Naval Militia. This wharf was constructed and some necessary dredging was done by the City of Baltimore.

However, on April 8, 1909, the assistant secretary of war, revoked all of these leases and licenses as heretofore granted, as the reservation was again needed by the United States army for the purposes of a quarter-master's depot. A new license being then given for the use of the drill ground by the militia, with a right of way for the purpose of reaching the wharf, and with the further use of certain buildings, and other privileges for the benefit of the Naval Militia.

On July 18, th, 1911, Governor Crothers created a commission of fifty "For the conversion of Fort McHenry into a national park". On Sept. 19th, 1911, I was designated by the Governor as chairman "Of the Fort McHenry National Park Committee". In transmitting this commission, the Secretary of State wrote: "This commission was voluntarily appointed by the Governor, and not under an act or resolution. Its objects, as I understand it, are to persuade the Government to convert this fort into a national Park."

A meeting of the committee was held at the Hotel Belvidere on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 1911. Among those present were Mrs. J. Pembroke Thom, Mrs. A. Leo Knott, Mrs. A. D. McConachie, Mrs. Jesse Cassard, Mrs. Wm. C. Page, Hon. Edwin Warfield, Gen. A. Leo Knott, Col. Wm. S. Powell, Maj. Randolph Barton, Rev. Wm. M. Dame, Mr. W. Hall Harris, Sr., Mr. Aubrey Pearse, Mr. David Hutzler, Mr. Copeland Morton, Mr. Chas. E. Sadtler, the chairman, and others. Several speeches were made, and the result of the meeting was that the chairman appointed a committee of five for the purpose of "obtaining the passage of a bill by Congress to create a national park at Fort McHenry."

As a result of the activities of this committee, a bill was introduced on July 5th, 1911, by the Hon. Isador Rayner, (Joint Resolution 40), "Providing for the appointment of three engineers to make plans for a National Park, at the site known as Fort McHenry, and for other purposes". Section 2 of the Resolution read, "That Fort McHenry be retained as a military reservation by the United States, and that no other use shall be made of the said fort, or of the site upon which it is located, except as a park, and military reservation, as herein indicated."

As a further result of the activities of the Fort McHenry National Park Committee, Senator Rayner introduced a bill which was entitled (S 6354) "An act to perpetuate and preserve Fort McHenry and the grounds connected therewith as a Government reservation under the control of the Secretary of War". This bill was referred to the committee on military affairs in the House of Representatives on April 20th, 1912; and amended "To authorize its partial use as a museum of historic relics"; and was finally approved, with an amendment reserving certain rights to the piers on Aug. 16th, 1912. While the bill, as finally passed, was not what was originally desired, it was hoped that this act would result in the retention of Fort McHenry by the War Dept., as a Government Reservation. Time has shown, however, that the passage of this bill did not finally settle the question as to the future of Fort McHenry; and it appears now, that this can only be done by an act creating a National Park. This bill received the support of the War Department, including the Chief of Staff, Gen. Leonard Wood.

On July 23, 1912, Hon. J. Chas. Linthicum, introduced a bill (H R 25912) "Providing for the erection of a monument to Francis Scott Key, and to the defenders of Fort McHenry at the time of the British attack on that fortification". Section 2 of which bill provided an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for erection of said monument.

On Jan. 20th, 1913, Mr. Linthicum introduced a bill (H. R 280) "To authorize the use as a site for the United States immigration station and grounds at the port of Baltimore of a piece of land acquired by the United States about the year 1836 as part of an addition to Fort McHenry, in the State of Maryland, and which is now under the control of the War Dept., Etc." After several conferences with the Fort McHenry committee, a portion of the land referred to was used for the purposes of an immigration station.

On Aug. 5th, 1913, Mr. Linthicum introduced a bill (H R 7305) "For the appropriation of a sum of money for the erection at Fort McHenry of a monument and flag staff to Francis Scott Key, and a memorial hall to the defenders of the nation in the War of 1812, and the erection of a monument upon the North Point Battle field, and for the necessary alterations in the buildings and grounds in connection therewith. This bill called for an appropriation of \$500,000.00 for the purposes referred to.

On the same date, Aug. 5th, 1913, Mr. Linthicum introduced a bill (H R 7302) "To place the supervision and control of Fort McHenry and the grounds connected therewith under the City of Baltimore, and making certain provisions in connection with the said transfer".

The committee of fifty did not approve of the provisions in this bill, which gave the supervision and control of Fort McHenry to the city, and, therefore, protested against its passage. The committee was of the unanimous opinion that the reservation should be retained by the Federal Government under the administration of the War Department.

Apparently, on May 26th, 1914, another bill was introduced and passed, granting permission to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to occupy the reservation as a city park, which action was rescinded by reason of the World War, and the War Department again assumed jurisdiction on July 23rd, 1917.

On Oct. 24th, 1921, Mr. Linthicum introduced a bill (H R 8816) "Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to grant the use of Fort McHenry, Military Reservation in the State of Maryland, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Etc."

On the same date, Oct. 24th, 1921, Mr. John Philip Hill introduced a bill (H R. 8819) "To preserve ~~the~~ in perpetuity Forts McHenry and Carroll, located in Baltimore, Maryland". O

On March 16th, 1922, Senator France introduced a bill (S 3349) "To amend the act approved May 26th, 1914, entitled 'An act authorizing the secretary of war to grant the use of the Fort McHenry Reservation in the State of Maryland to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Etc.'; and to provide for the restoration of Fort McHenry, and its permanent preservation as a national park and perpetual national memorial shrine, as the birth-place of the immortal Star Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key; and for the appropriation of the necessary funds, and for other purposes".

I feel that the difference of opinion which has existed among the Maryland representatives in Congress during the past few years, and the rescinding of the legislation which gave to the City of Baltimore the use of Fort McHenry as a city park: has justified the opinion that the only safe, and sane solution of this problem, is to have the Fort McHenry Reservation made a national military park, under such terms and conditions as will absolutely settle the matter for all time, and prevent any recurrence of the various uses to which this property may be put, instead of leaving it for a decision of future generations. I believe that all of the Maryland members of Congress are at present unanimous in this feeling; and that, therefore, we have reason to hope for the speedy accomplishment of our aspirations.

On March 26th, 1922, Mr. Linthicum introduced a bill (H R 11083) "To provide for the restoration of Fort McHenry in the State of Maryland, and its permanent preservation as a national park, and perpetual national memorial shrine, as the birth place of the immortal Star Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key, for the appropriation of the necessary funds, and for other purposes"

On Jan. 11th, 1924, Mr. Linthicum introduced a bill (H R 5261) Which is practically a copy of the bill which he introduced at the last session of Congress (H R 11083); and which provides for similar legislation. This bill appears to have the support of all members of congress from Maryland, and is supported not only by the patriotic societies of Maryland, but by those of many other states.

In addition to the approval of this bill, we desire, and have requested the Secretary of War to arrange for the speedy removal of all the old, temporary, buildings, and rubble which has been left upon the grounds, since their evacuation as a hospital.

City.

*Very respectfully,
Clinton L. Rapp
Chairman*

CLINTON L. RIGGS,
903 NORTH CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 25, 1924.

Mr. T. Murray Maynadier,
105 Bourse Bldg.,
Baltimore.

My dear Mr. Maynadier:

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of some data which I am today sending to Mr. Linthicum, in the form of a letter, as requested by him.

This letter, I believe, covers all of the bills which have been introduced in Congress since my connection with the matter; and I thought it might be of interest, and possibly of value to the Society to have this letter filed with the secretary's records.

We had a very satisfactory interview with the Secretary of War, and he assured us of his hearty sympathy; and I believe the bill will have his support.

It is, however, very important for us to get the cooperation of all the chapters of all the patriotic societies in the country; and I am hoping that you, and the secretary, and the council, both collectively and individually, will use every effort to get the societies and individuals in other states to write immediately to their representatives in congress, so that the Maryland d~~de~~legation will have the support of other members of congress, when the measure is brought up for a final vote.

The committee is working hard, and is very hopeful of success, if we can get the support of some other states.

Yours very truly,

Clinton L. Riggs

401 Custom House,
New York, N. Y.,
March 27, 1924.

My Dear Mr. Bernard:-

Your letter of the 26th instant, in the Fort McHenry matter, is just here.

You will be pleased I think to read the enclosed, also just received from our fellow member Dr. William Elliott Dold. He and the writer are both M.D.s, and associated professionally here in New York.

What I meant by writing you that the Secretary of War "is or was a member of the Massachusetts Society", is this: that I never know from our printed records or from the papers on file with me as Registrar General whether or not a man is still a member, as all of the societies, unlike yours, do not file with me any record of separations from membership, by death, resignation, etc. But I have no reason to believe that the Secretary is not still a member, a matter easily ascertained by communicating with the Secretary of the Massachusetts Society, or from the Secretary of War himself.

Trusting that you are getting good support for this most worthy measure from the other State Societies, and with assurances of our continued cooperation and assistance, I am, with kind personal regards, and best wishes for your Society,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Kammor Noble
Secretary.

Richard C. Bernard, Esq.,
Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

CLINTON L. RIGGS,
903 NORTH CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD

March 27, 1924.

Mr. Richard G. Bernard,
2 E. Lexington St.,
Baltimore.

My dear Mr. Bernard:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 28th,
with three enclosures from New York congressmen.

These letters are encouraging, as, while we
have all the Maryland delegation well lined up in favor of
the bill, we will need considerable help from other states,
in order to finally accomplish our aims.

It is not too late, but on the contrary,
from now on until June, perhaps, these letters should be
pouring in to Washington. The bill is still in the hands
of the Military committee of the House, and while I believe
it will receive the approval of the Sec'y. of War, there is
no use in bringing it out on the floor, until we can feel that
the support from other states is sufficient to secure its
passage.

I hope, therefore, that every effort will be
made to secure the cooperation of every individual and society
in the country which we can interest in the project.

Yours very truly,

Clinton L. Riggs

My dear Mr Maynard

To thank you for
 the letter under signature of -
 The Hon. J. Charles Lindbergh which
 I shall file with the Star Spangled
 Banner data. a clipping has been
 received from Washington from the
 Washington Paper that the Bill
 of Mr. Lindbergh HR 6429 had
 been upheld favorably by the Judiciary
 Committee. am buying to get data
 so it can be printed in our Baltimore
 paper. am still regretting all of
 our representatives of organizations
 & Societies were not given a chance
 to say at least a few words.
 I do trust some time
 I can have a talk with you on present

day conditions Today two weeks ago
Mrs Tubman and me attended the
Forum held at Hazards Hall. I
cannot see how these people can be
sent such ideas to an audience
and not be put in jail I think
every patriotic society should have a
Committee to attend every meeting of
these kind held in the City women
presenting the slackers oath then
asking the Juries of our County to
refuse to hear to Judicial a pretty
terrible condition.

Yours in work of love
of country & for its protection.

Sincerely
Gene Galloway
Mrs. Helen Mrs. Galloway

Helen A. S. G. S. D. H. 2.
Chairman Stan Gough, Banne B. A.

April 5 - 1924

MRS. REUBEN ROSS HOLLOWAY

Mr Richard Constable Bernard Lee
Society War 1812 State of Maryland
2 E Kington St
Baltimore

My dear Mr Bernard.

To thank you for
the letter in the interest to
create Historic Fort M. Henry a
National Reservation. My fund
is most limited at present but
I consider this request a National
Call and a great privilege to be one
of your Committee. With out some delay
I shall present. I will answer
promptly at 5.45th morning of the 6th
Wednesday. I shall notify as many
as possible hoping they will join
us

Patriotically & Sincerely

E. E. Holloway
Mrs Reuben Ross Holloway

April 11-1924

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CHICAGO, April 11th, 1924.

Richard C. Bernard, Secretary,
Maryland Society of the War of 1812,
2 E. Lexington St.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 9th. Our past President, Dr. Thomas E. Green, who is now Chairman of the Speakers Bureau of the American Red Cross, and also a member of the General Society, is now in Washington, and I have written him a letter and also sent him a copy of your letter, and I have no doubt that he will appear before the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday, April 16th at 10 o'clock.

Trusting that you will have success, and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Secretary-Treasurer.

WST*LAG.

Dear Compatriot:

The Bill to make of historic Fort McHenry a National Park will come to a hearing before the House Military Affairs Committee on Wednesday, April 16th, 1924, at 10 A. M., at the House Office Building.

If this Bill is to pass it is important that every member of the Society of the War of 1812 be present at this hearing.

Special accommodations have been arranged on the B. & O. train leaving Mount Royal Station at 8:52. Please make an effort to be present at 8:45.

RICHARD C. BERNARD, Secretary.

4.12.24

Baltimore, Maryland, April 15, 1924.

Mr. T. Murray Maynadier,
Pres. Md. Society War of 1812,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Maynadier:

In compliance with the request of the executive committee, I am giving you herewith certain information concerning the deeds and titles to the land now included in the reservation of Fort McHenry.

This reservation contains an area of about 50 acres of land, with metes and bounds as announced in G. O. No. 178, War Dept., Oct. 18, 1906. It is situated on Whetstone Point, in the City of Baltimore, in Baltimore County. The title is as follows:

1. Deed from Alexander Furnival, dated July 20, 1795, conveying about 7 acres and 56 perches of land. Recorded in Liber W. G. No. S.S., folio 142, etc. of the land records of Baltimore County.
2. Deed from William Goodman, dated November 6, 1798, conveying 2 acres of land. Recorded in Liber W. G. No. 56, folio 440, etc., of the same records.
3. Deed from William Goodman, dated August 26, 1800, conveying 11 acres, 3 Roods and 25 perches of land. Recorded in Liber W. G., No. 61, folio 580, etc. of the same records.
4. Deed from John O'Donnell, dated January 14, 1804, conveying 5 acres of land. Recorded in Liber W. G. No. 78, folio 43, etc. of the same records.
5. Deed from Thomas B. Dorsey, et al., dated September 10, 1836, conveying lots 60, 62, and 64, etc. Recorded in Liber T. K. No. 263 folio 194, etc. of the same records.
6. Deed from James Bosley and wife, dated September 15, 1836, conveying lot 61 containing 2 acres and 2 roods of land. Recorded in Liber T. K. No. 263, folio 196, etc. of the same records.
7. Deed from Luke Kiersted and wife, dated September 29, 1836, conveying lot No. 63. Recorded in Liber T. K. No. 264, folio 326, etc. of the same records.
8. Deed from Elizabeth Conkling et al., dated October 8, 1836, conveying lot 63, and part of "Upton Court". Recorded in Liber T. K. No. 264, folio 324, etc. of the same records.
9. Deed from John Glenn et al., dated October 25, 1837, conveying 3 acres, 1 Rood and 29 perches of land. Recorded in Liber T. K. No. 274, folio 400, etc. of the same records.
10. Deed from Richard W. Gill, dated November 16, 1836, conveying between 5 and 6 acres of land. Recorded in Liber T. K., No. 265, folio 189, etc. of the same records.

The area of land conveyed by the foregoing described deeds, including streets separating the lots aggregates 52.75 acres, and the purchase thereof was authorized by Acts of Congress approved March 20, 1794; and July 2, 1836. By authority of the Act of Congress approved June 19, 1878, the area was reduced by a transfer to the Baltimore Dry Dock Company of about 2.75 acres. Jurisdiction over one part of this reservation was ceded to the United States by Resolution No. 65 of the State Legislature, passed January 30, 1816, and by the proceedings of the Governor and Council at a meeting begun and held on February 27, 1816; and jurisdiction as to the other part was ceded by an act passed March 29, 1838. The Resolution, proceedings and act provide as follows:

"Resolved, that the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby authorized and requested, in the recess of the Legislature, to arrange with the General Government for the establishment of such sites within this State for the completion and establishment of fortifications as may be agreed on, and the jurisdiction of the same is hereby relinquished to the United States." (Resolution No. 65, passed January 30, 1816.)

"Be it know that in pursuance of the power vested by said resolve in the Governor and Council, jurisdiction is hereby ceded to the United States of the following ground and territory, to wit: "that parcel of land situate in Baltimore County on which Fort McHenry is built, and the whole of the premises thereto adjoining, the legal title to which was conveyed to the United States. "And the Governor and Council of Maryland, in behalf of said state, and in virtue of the authority conferred by the resolve aforesaid, hereby release all claim and right of jurisdiction of the State of Maryland in and over said parcels of land to the United States for the purposes expressed in said resolve." (Extract from proceedings of a meeting of the Governor and Council begun and held on the 27th day of February, 1816.

"Whereas, it is represented to the General Assembly that the United States Has purchased certain lots of ground on Whetstone Point, near the City of Baltimore, in order the more effectually to promote the ends of the Government in the erection of fortifications at Fort McHenry, which this Legislature duly appreciate: Therefore, "Be it enacted, etc., That the right of jurisdiction of the State of Maryland in and over the lands comprehended in lots numbers thirty-four, thirty-five, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, and sixty-seven, lying and adjoining Fort McHenry, on Whetstone Point, near the City of Baltimore, which have been purchased by the United States, the deeds whereof are among the records of Baltimore County, and also that part of the main road leading to Fort McHenry which lies between the said lots, be, and the same is hereby, relinquished, ceded, and made over to the United States for the purposes aforesaid." (Passed March 29, 1838.)

Recovable Licenses: March 9, 1906. to Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for telephone line.

License, March 1, 1907, to the Skinner Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for drainage pipe across the reservation.

License, July 27, 1908, to the State of Maryland for extension of water supply system to the wharf authorized by license of August 21, 1907.

License, April 30, 1909, to the State of Maryland for the use of the reservation by the Militia of that State, and for the use of a right of way to the wharf constructed under licheuse of August 21, 1907.

I approve of the suggestion which was made that these facts should be filed as a part of the records of the Society.

Yours ve

John L. Riggs

Meeting of committee on Fort Mifflin
April 22nd 1924 - 5 P. M.

Present
Gen. Riggs
Mr. Hickey
Mr. Mayhew
Mr. Wm Hall Harris
Mr. Hancock
Mr. Bristow
Mr. Bernard

Mr. Hancock to see Mr. F. A. Smith
to have an appraisal of survey of
property, and also to interest him
generally in the plan.

Mr. Harris on behalf of the Council
of the Hist. Soc. extends an invitation
to the Soc. of 1812 to hold a meeting
at the rooms of the Hist. Soc.
(Capacity 200)

Mr. Hickey suggests that we accept
invitation of the Hist. Soc. & that
we invite the members of the
military affairs committee to
come to Ball - to entertain
them, ^(take them to at Mr. Terry) and to invite them to
attend a meeting to be held at
the Rooms of the Historical Society
to invite members of the press,
14 or 15 of May

Mr. Bristow will get in touch
with Mr. Fitzpatrick to get a list
of

write to W. - Turner, Sec All
Loc 2845 Sheffield Ave Chicago
write. - let 13-4 ask for carbon ^{3 up} copies
of res. for purpose of mailing to committee
send us also to rep in congress.

Marcus P. Benjamin -
of Smithsonian Institute ask for
copy of the res. submitted by Gen Carter
& read before the Comm on Ind
affairs.

Write to Van Horn -
Reply let mar 12th - enlarge
on notice to rep of State - ask
for 3 copies of res. if any, if not
some sort of letter to be filed

ask Mr. Harris copy sent of Res:
~~State~~ R. - copy.

Mr. Haskin copy Mayor & City Council.
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of the congressman & how they voted
on the resolution introduced by
Mr. Bland.

automobiles - Mr. Lenthicum will address
visit to the Fort ^{as to transportation.}

dinner at the Penzance - 1 man in Soc. get
mulling at Hist. Soc. each guest to
Society to be invited pay for 2 dinners
\$10 per cord.

Invitations with rep enclosing check

take rep. of each papers, to Fort & to papers
Mr. Fitzpatrick at dinner.

C O P Y

Office,
263 S. Fourth Street.

Philadelphia, April 25, 1924.

Dear Doctor Benjamin:

I thank you very warmly for your attention to the appeal to Congress to preserve Fort McHenry. I had hoped that the other gentlemen to whom I wrote would have been present and urged favorable action by the Committee. The Secretary of War, to whom I wrote as he is a member of our Society, answered that he did not feel it consistent with his official position to act, except as he had done in giving the facts to the Committee in the knowledge of the War Department. When the monstrous action of Congress in regard to the Bonus is considered the hesitation to preserve for true patriotic reasons Fort McHenry because it involved a small appropriation is another instance of the hopeless inconsistency and ignorance of our present representatives.

With many thanks and kind regards, I am,

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN CADWALADER

Dr. Marcus Benjamin,
The Highlands,
Connecticut & California Aves.,
Washington, D.C.

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BALTIMORE, MD. October 9th. 1924

Gen. Clinton L. Riggs
Latrobe Apartment
Charles & Read St.
City

My Dear Gen. Riggs:-

Herewith find a list of names of the daughters the War 1812. for you to select from to attend the proposed meeting at the Mayor's Office.

I have checked the names of the ones on this list that I know something about. Use your own judgement in making the selection of the ones you would like to have attend the meeting, or invite them all if you think you can manage them.

I am trying to get a list of some of the chapters of the D.A.R. members. Soon as I do will send the names to you.

Yours Truly

T. M. Maynardier

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Cul.

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BALTIMORE, MD, October 15th. 1924

Gen. Clinton L. Riggs
Latrobe Apartments
Read & Charles St.

City

Dear Gen. Riggs:-

Herewith find a list of names of some of the members of the D.A.R. I have been informed that they will be pleased to assist in any way possible to help in having the National Government make and maintain Fort McHenry as a National Park.

Likely I will have a few names of some of the D.R. Soon as I obtain them will forward same to you.

Yours Truly

T. M. Maynardier

Oct. 24, 4 P.M.

CLINTON L. RIGGS,
903 NORTH CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.

October 17, 1924.

Mr. Thomas Foley Hisky,
215 N. Charles St.,
Baltimore.

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Special Committee of the Society of the War of 1812, appointed for the purpose of urging the passage of a bill by the Congress to make Fort McHenry a National Reservation, will be held on Friday, October 24th, at four o'clock p.m. in the office of Mr. Thomas Foley Hisky, 215 North Charles Street, Baltimore.

Very truly yours,

Clinton L. Riggs

CHAIRMAN.

~~D. S.~~
Baltimore, Nov. 14, 1924

Dear Friend:

Unquestionably the most historic spot in our beloved city is Fort Mifflin, the scene of the deciding battle of the War of 1812, ~~and upon the~~ ~~and~~ upon the result of which, the continued independence of the United States really depended.

In addition, that Marsellaise of our Country, The Star Spangled Banner, was there inspired.

Due to the late war, Fort Mifflin is now ~~at~~ in a most neglected and fallen condition.

As a matter of patriotism and civic pride, it should be restored and preserved.

You are therefore earnestly ^{requested} to attend a meeting to be held in behalf of restoration. It will be held in the City Council Chamber - 3rd floor City Hall, Balto on Wednesday Nov. 19th at 3³⁰ o'clock P.M.

Very truly,
Yours,

Mayor of the City of Baltimore

P.S. No subscriptions or ~~money~~ ^{money} will be requested.



**MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY OF BALTIMORE**

HOWARD W. JACKSON
MAYOR

Baltimore, Md.

November 11, 1924.

Dear Friend:-

Unquestionably the most historic spot in our beloved City is Fort McHenry, the scene of the deciding battle of the War of 1812. In addition, that Marsellaise of our Country, The Star Spangled Banner, was there inspired.

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As a matter of patriotism and Civic pride, it should be restored and preserved.

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Very truly yours,

Mayor of the City of Baltimore.

P. S. No subscriptions or money will be requested.

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BALTIMORE, MD. September 22nd. 1924

Gen. Clinton L. Riggs
Latrobe Apartment
City

My Dear Gen. Riggs:-

The following are a list of names I would suggest to you to choose from for your proposed meeting at the Mayor's office.

Fort McHenry Committee
Gen. Clinton L. Riggs
Thos. Foley Hisky
James E. Hancock
Jos. W. Bristol
Chas. H. Lindville

Members of Society
War 1812
George Armistead
Charles England
Tolly A Biays
Thos. F. Cadwalader
Francis B. Culver
Clarence H. Evans
Ferdinand B. Focke
W. Hall Harris
Ira H. Houghton
Dr. J. D. Iglehart
Wm. H. Maltbie
John H. Orem
Josias Pennington
J. Krebs Rusk
Alfred E. Sharp
Charles W. Sloan
Albert B. Stroble
Dr. T. Chew. Worthington
J. Appleton Wilson
Richard E. Marine
Wm. T. Parrish
John L. Sanford
Lewis W Klunk
Dr. Chas. E. Sadtler
Richard Bernard Secy.

Those not members of War 1812
✓ Lawrason Riggs
? — Dr. W. H. Welch
✓ Henry D. Harlan
✓ W. H. DeCoursey Thom
✓ Thomas Hildt
✓ B. Howell Griswold Jr.
✓ Geo. Arnold Frick
✓ Phillip Lee Gouldsborough
✓ Judge Walter I Dawkins
✓ Lemual T. Applod
✓ J. Kemp Bartlett
✓ Alfred S. Niles
✓ Samuel C. Rowland
✓ Duke Bond
? — John S. Bridges
George Cator
✓ W. W. Cator
✓ Robt. Garrett
✓ R. Howard Bland
✓ J. K. Voshell
✓ Arthur W. Machen Jr.
✓ Elmer B. Jeffrey
✓ Wm. Ingle
✓ Adelbert W. Mears

Senator Wm. Cable Bruce
" O. E. Weller
Congressman J. Charles Binthicum }
" John Phillip Hill }
" Millard E. Tydings }

Coady.

Yours Truly

Original

At a meeting of residents of the City of Baltimore and the representatives of Societies engaged in the preservation of history and the promotion of patriotism of this City and State called to meet on this nineteenth day of November A. D. 1924 by the Honorable Howard W. Jackson, Mayor of Baltimore City, it was reported that the Bill now pending in the Congress of the United States, (H.R. 5261) had been reported, with amendments, by the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives and is now ready to be passed by that body at the coming session of Congress;

AND WHEREAS the said Bill has been heretofore strongly approved by resolution passed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and by the Legislature of the State of Maryland;

AND WHEREAS due to the activities of Honorable J. Charles Linthicum, who offered said Bill, and Honorable John Philip Hill, the bill has advanced to its present position in the House;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED That we express our appreciation of the activities of our said Representatives, and we urge the passage at the next session of Congress of said Bill by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States.

THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

WHEREAS,

Fort McHenry

is probably the most notable national heritage of the City of Baltimore in that it was the scene of the defense of the liberties of the American Colonies in the War of 1812-14, and is the birth-place of

The Star Spangled Banner
written on that occasion; and

WHEREAS,

The members of the
Society of the War of 1812,

being composed of descendants of those who fought during that war and numerous other citizens - members of patriotic societies - are most anxious that this hallowed ground should be preserved as a spot sacred to the patriotism of the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS,

A bill has been recently introduced in the House of Representatives (H. R. 5261) by the Honorable J. Charles Linthicum, Member of Congress from this State, by the terms of which Fort McHenry would be placed in the care of the Secretary of War for preservation as a National Park; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, representing the feelings and desires of her citizens on the subject, are in most hearty accord with the objects of said bill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, aforesaid, that said bill be and the same is fully approved by them; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned to pass the said bill without delay to the end that further destruction of said property may be prevented, and that the same shall be set apart, preserved and venerated by all true lovers of our country for all time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Members of Congress from this State be earnestly requested to co-operate in the fullest measure in having said bill enacted into law, and that copies of this resolution, duly signed by his Honor, the Mayor, be forwarded to his Excellency, the Governor of this State; the Honorable J. Charles Linthicum, Member of Congress, and the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States.

January 14th, 1924.

(Signed) Howard W. Jackson Mayor.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting Congress to pass Bill recently introduced in the House of Representatives (H. R. 5261) by the Honorable J. Charles Linthicum, member of Congress from this State, by the terms of which Fort McHenry will be placed in the care of the Secretary of War for preservation as a National Park.

WHEREAS, Fort McHenry is the most notable national heritage of the State of Maryland, in that it was the scene of the defense of the liberties of the United States at a time when defeat would have meant the destruction of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, In addition Fort McHenry is the hallowed spot which during the battle of September 14, 1814, inspired the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner," which, inseparably associated with the flag of our Country, has thrilled our citizens and soldiers with its patriotic fervor as no other American hymn has ever done, and inspired in them the will to conquer for the sake of right; and

WHEREAS, A bill has been recently introduced in the House of Representatives (H. R. 5261) by the Honorable J. Charles Linthicum, member of Congress from this State, by the terms of which Fort McHenry would be placed in the care of the Secretary of War for preservation as a National Park; and

WHEREAS, Our citizens are deeply interested in this project and ever have been anxious that the sacred spot should be preserved as a hallowed shrine, as witness the joint resolution passed at the last Session of the Legislature of this State; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we, the Senate of the State of Maryland, and the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, in joint session, earnestly request the Congress of the United States to enact the said bill into law, thereby declaring in the name of the people of the United States, that this sacred ground shall be restored to its historical condition as preserved, by the Government it saved in 1814, as a National Memorial to the patriots of our Country for all time.

Approved:

Albert C. Ritchie

Governor

Francis P. Curtis

Speaker of the House of

David G. McIntosh, Jr.

Delegates
President of the Senate.

Oct. 25' 1923 (Annual meeting) Mr. Bristol introduces resolution calling attention to the lack of interest on the part of Maryland's rep. in the National Congress in Ft Mc Henry. - Res. criticized and matter referred to a special committee on Resolutions.

Stucky, - Chairman.

John L. Sanford

Geo. W. Bristol. - Mr Pennington later replaced Mr. Bristol.

Pres may appoint a special Comm on Ft

Mc Henry.

Gen Rigg

Bristol

Sanford

Stucky

Linville.

Nov 13/23 Ex Com. meeting - Res reported and adopted

Dec 11 '23 - Ft Mc H. Committee reported meeting and consideration of various Res & decided to support all introduced by Mr. Linthicum. Mr. Pennington suggests enlisted aid of National Society.

Mr. John L. Sanford added to the Committee

Jan 8 '24 Gen meeting - Committee reports that entire Md delegation unanimous in favor of measure. - Plan of introducing resolutions in Legislature & City Council outlined & adopted. Mr. Sharp volunteered to introduce in Legislature.

Feb 12 '24 - Com Reports Progress - sent to
write all under sec of 1812 to bring info on them
congressmen.

Mar 1 '24 - Com prep that res had been passed
by City Council & he of delegates & then before
Senate -

Apr 8 '24 - Gen Riggs rep joint res passed by
leg. - hearing before mil aff com. forthcoming
May. rep Gen Cudde. heartily in favor.

May 13th '24 - Com rep impossible to have
mil aff com visit Fort on wed day but
matter might be arranged. Hancock
reports confound with Com of Eng Corp who
estimate salvage of building & the would
restore Star & A.

Sept 12 - 24 (Gen meeting) Major. rep. passed
to hold mass meeting at City Hall.

Oct 14 '24 Fri of mass meeting

Oct 25 '24 ann meeting - further of mass
meeting.

Nov. 11 '24 - Letter ^{of invitation} sent by Major read
& discussed - disapproval expressed of
meeting not to be held under auspices of
our society

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Mar 9 '24. - word of refusal
of speaker Islet to lett but come
up - no action until next congress.

Jan 18th 25 - Progress.

Jan 13 '25 - Progress

Feb 10th 25 - Progress.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

JANUARY 14TH 1924.

HON. W. HALL HARRIS, PRESIDENT,
THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION,
511 PARK AVENUE, BALTIMORE.

DEAR SIR:

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE THE DEDICATION OF FORT MCHENRY AS A NATIONAL PARK. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE AND TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF ITS PROGRAM, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THIS PROJECT HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF AS MANY PATRIOTIC AND OTHER SOCIETIES AS POSSIBLE.

THE MARYLAND SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 REQUESTS YOU TO INTRODUCE AND HAVE PASSED, AT THE NEXT MEETING OF YOUR SOCIETY, RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING THIS MOVEMENT AND THAT A COPY OF YOUR RESOLUTIONS BE SENT TO THIS SOCIETY, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BY OUR COMMITTEE.

I AM ENCLOSED A COPY OF THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY OUR SOCIETY, RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER.

I TRUST THAT THIS PROJECT WILL RECEIVE YOUR HEARTY SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN THE FORM OF SUITABLE RESOLUTIONS.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS

Richard C. Bernard

SECRETARY.

ENCLOSURE.

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January 18, 1924.

Richard Constable Bernard, Esquire,
Secretary,
Maryland Society, War of 1812,
2 East Lexington Street,
Baltimore.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14th instant relative to renewed effort to secure Congressional action looking to the preservation in perpetuity of Ft. McHenry and grounds as a military reservation and national park.

There will be no meeting of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of Maryland before the middle of March next nor in the near future of its Board of Managers.

I am entirely confident, however, that action by that Society would be in the form of an earnest asseveration of the position heretofore taken by it and which is expressed by Resolutions adopted April 22, 1912, as follows:

"RESOLVED: That this Society very heartily approves the
"Bill now pending before the Congress (being Senate Bill
"No. 271) providing that Fort McHenry be forever retained
"as a Military Reservation under the exclusive control
"of the War Department."
"AND THAT Bill is earnestly commended to the favorable
"consideration of Representatives of the State of Mary-
"land to the end that the spot so intimately connected
"with the history of the Nation be at no time and in
"no particular desecrated by unworthy occupancy or use."

You will note that the Senate Bill above referred to is described as No. 271. I am unable, however, with the papers at hand to be sure that number is correct, but the bill which was then under consideration was introduced by Senator Rayner, April 15, 1912, and a copy of it is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



Baltimore, Md.

November 11, 1924.

HOWARD W. JACKSON
MAYOR

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11.14.24

Mr. William Hall Harris,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Friend:-

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Very truly yours,

Howard W. Jackson
Mayor of the City of Baltimore.

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P. S. No subscriptions or money will be requested.

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BALTIMORE, MD. November
 Fourteenth,
 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
 Mayor, Baltimore City,
 City Hall,
 Baltimore, Md.

Attention - Mr. William Mohr, Secy.

My dear Mr. Mohr:-

In reply to the Mayor's letter of November 11th to attend the meeting of November 19th concerning Fort McHenry, please be good enough to inform him that the Grand Lodge meeting on that day will prevent my acceptance of his very kind invitation.

Very truly yours,

WARREN S. SEIPP.

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BALTIMORE

November 14th, 1924

Honorable Howard W. Jackson, Mayor,
City Hall,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have your letter of November 11th, inviting me to attend a meeting on November 19th, at 3:30 P.M., in behalf of the restoration of Fort McHenry. I regret that I shall be compelled to be out of the city on official business at that time, and will, therefore, be unable to be present.

I desire, however, to let you know that I am in hearty sympathy with the movement, and am willing to exert myself in any way that you or the committee may deem proper; which means that I am willing to serve on any committee or body which may be formed at that meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Leser

Judge Lehman

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JOHN C. MUTH
25 S. CHARLES STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

Nov. 14, 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson, Mayor,
City Hall,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

✓ I received yours of Nov. 11th.,
and I am certainly very much interested in
the preservation of Fort McHenry and offer
any service at my command for this end.

Unfortunately I will be away from
the city all next week and will not be able
to attend the meeting on Nov. 19th. You
may, however, count on any cooperation that
I can give, and I will be pleased to have
you call on me at any time.

Very truly yours,
John C. Muth
JOHN C. MUTH.

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Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mayor Jackson,

Your circular letter of November 11
announcing a meeting on behalf of the res-
toration of Fort McHenry has been received.
I am heartily in agreement with you that
Fort McHenry must certainly be restored
"as a matter of patriotism and civic pride".

Unfortunately, I shall not be in the
city on November 19, and shall not be able
to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Page Andrews

Andrews

Supreme Bench
of
Baltimore City

Nov. 14, 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,

Mayor of Baltimore City,

City Hall, City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I am in receipt of your communication requesting me to attend a meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber on Wednesday, November ~~192~~ 19, 1924 at 3.30 P. M. I thank you for the invitation. I shall attend if possible for me to do it.

I am very much interested in preserving Fort McHenry. My Court sessions however run until after 4 o'clock, so that I may be ~~un-~~^{prevented} able from coming, but I am ready to render any service I can towards the accomplishment of the purpose you have in mind.

Very truly,

D.C.

Walter J. Dawson

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November 14, 1924.

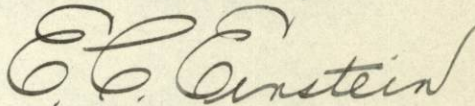
Honorable Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mayor Jackson:

In the absence of Senator Weller,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 11th instant.

Senator Weller left Washington on
Saturday for a visit of several weeks to Oklahoma.
I regret that for this reason he will be unable
to attend the meeting in behalf of Fort McHenry,
to be held at the City Hall on November 19th.

Very truly yours,



Secretary to
Senator Weller

E/VC

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

11 E. LEXINGTON STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 14, 1924

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
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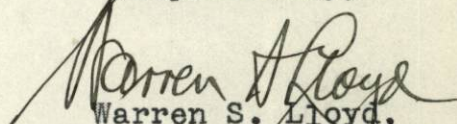
My dear Mayor Jackson:

The American Legion will be re-
presented at your meeting on Wednesday, November 19,
regarding Fort McHenry, by H. Findlay French, Esquire.

It is necessary for me to be in
National Headquarters in Indianapolis all of next week
which explains the reason why I can not appear in per-
son.

Assuring you of the cooperation
of The American Legion in this and any other civic or
patriotic project, I am

Respectfully,


Warren S. Lloyd,
Department Adjutant

WSL:IDH

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November 14, 1924

Hon. Howard Jackson,
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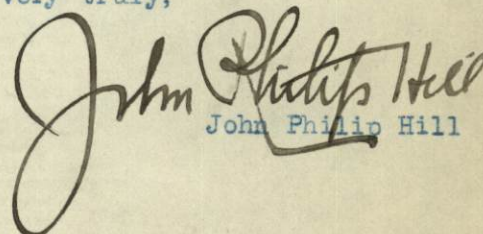
My Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have your letter of November 11th, in regard to preserving Fort McHenry, and asking my attendance at the meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber on Wednesday evening November 19th at 3:30.

You are perhaps familiar with the fact that I sponsored a bill introduced in the last session of Congress to preserve this historic old Fort, and shall be glad to further my efforts to this end.

Unfortunately I must be in Cambridge on the afternoon of the meeting, and of course cannot attend.

Yours very truly,


John Philip Hill

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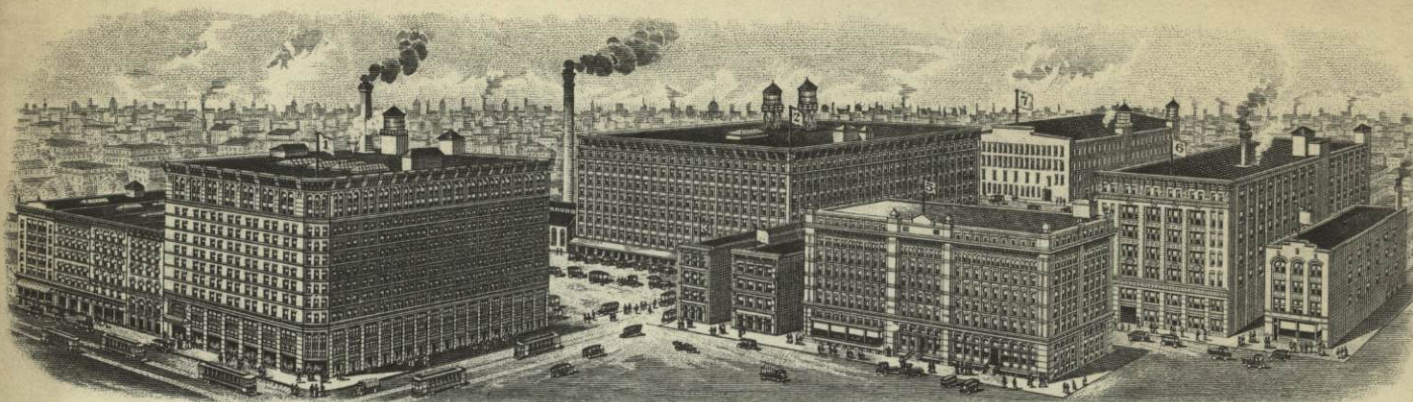
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Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 11th instant (addressed to Mr. Jacob Epstein) asking him to attend a meeting on Wednesday, November 19th, 3:30 P.M. has been received.

I wish to explain that Mr. Epstein is out of the city and I do not think that he will be back in time to attend the meeting.

Yours very truly,

H. Manko
Secretary to Jacob Epstein.

Dict

Law Offices of
Adrian Hughes.

4104 Main Avenue
West Forest Park
Baltimore, Md.

November 14th., 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore City.
City Hall,
Baltimore.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Your favor of the 11th. in re Fort McHenry received.

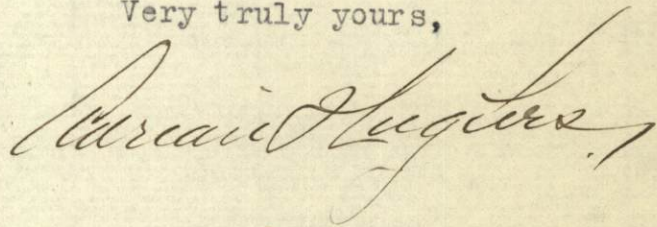
I regret absence from the city will preclude my attendance at the meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber on the 19th. inst.

You may feel assured I am in full sympathy with the move to restore the Fort and its preservation.

Some years ago, in fact quite a number of years ago, when the question of abandoning the Fort and its being turned to other purposes was the question of the day I wrote a letter advocating its preservation and its up keep as a sacred duty of our people because of the part it took in the preservation of our United States at the time of the attack by the British in 1914, which letter was published in the Baltimore Sun.

If I may be of service in any way to carry on the purpose I am at your command.

Very truly yours,



Adrian Hughes

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY

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BALTIMORE, MD.

DANIEL WILLARD,
PRESIDENT

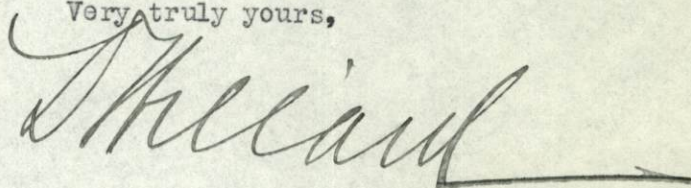
November 14, 1924.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Your letter of the 11th instant, inviting me to attend a meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 19th, to discuss matters pertaining to Fort McHenry, is received.

I regret very much that a positive engagement which I have in New York on that date will make it impossible for me to attend.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Willard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor, City of Baltimore,
Baltimore, Md.

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November 15, 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore,
City Hall, Baltimore.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have your invitation to attend the meeting in regard to Fort McHenry in the City Council Chambers in the City Hall on Wednesday, November 19th, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

The restoration and preservation of Fort McHenry is a matter which appeals to me very strongly, and I trust that the efforts in this direction will be successful.

I regret very much that I cannot attend the meeting on next Wednesday, as I am compelled to leave town earlier in the afternoon to meet a professional engagement out of the city.

Very truly yours,

JH/H.

Office of the Chairman of the Board of Directors

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY
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BALTIMORE

EDGAR A. HAMILTON
EXECUTIVE HEAD
OF THE COMPANY

EAH/T
November 15, 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Office of the Mayor,
City of Baltimore.

My dear Mayor Jackson:

I have your invitation of November 11 to attend a meeting to be held on November 19 to consider the restoration of Fort McHenry, and I regret I will not be in town on that date.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Ed Hamilton

W. H. MALTBIE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
911 CONTINENTAL BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 17, 1924.

His Honor, Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore,
Baltimore.

Dear Mayor Jackson:

I am very sorry that it
will not be possible for me to attend the meet-
ing with regard to the restoration of Fort McHenry
on Wednesday, November 19th.

With much regret at my inability
to attend, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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MOUNT ROYAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

November 18th, 1924.

Honorable Howard Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore.

Honorable and dear Sir:-

The Mount Royal Improvement Association at its meeting held on Monday evening November 17th, 1924, unani-
mously and enthusiastically voted its approval of the measure now
before Congress as a result of the initiative of our own Congress-
man--Hon. J. Charles Linthicum, having as its objective the taking
over of Fort McHenry by the Federal Government, and converting it
into a National Park to be maintained by the government for all
future time as a historic spot of real patriotic and inspirational
worth.

It is the thought of the members of this association that
the site itself is ideal, and its nearness to the National Capital
would doubtless make it a great attraction to persons visiting the
Capital from every section of the country.

The story of the patriotic defense of Fort McHenry on Sep-
tember 13, 1814, and the inspiration it gave to Maryland's favored
son---Francis Scott Key, to write our great National Song, furnish
the best sort of guarantee that, as a National Park, it would become
a great popular resort, delighting the eye, and inspiring visitors
to a loftier patriotism.

This association not only heartily endorses the effort
now being made to the above end, but, as well, holds itself ready
to help in any manner possible in making it an actuality.

Very respectfully,
Mount Royal Improvement Association,

Geo. W. White
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Mr Robt Garrett

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November 19th, 1924.

Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor of Baltimore,
City Hall,
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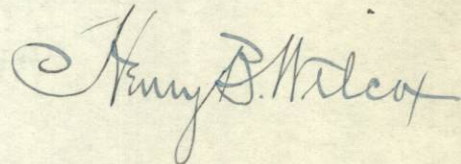
My dear Mr. Mayor,-

In response to your circular letter of November 11th, requesting me to attend the meeting this afternoon in behalf of the restoration and preservation of Fort McHenry, would say that I am heartily in sympathy with such a movement, but I have a standing engagement at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday of each week which will prevent me from being present.

Regretting that this should be

so,

Very truly yours,



HBW/b.

CLINTON L. RIGGS,
903 NORTH CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Annapolis Md. December 8, 1924

Dear Sir:

Fort McHenry, the birthplace of The Star Spangled Banner, is in a desolate condition. Used during the World War as one of our principal military hospitals, it has now been evacuated and the abandoned frame buildings, with the accumulated rubbish, make it a fire hazard that menaces the Fort, itself, the Armistead monument, the Francis Scott Key monument, the emigration station, and other valuable government property, as well as the city of Baltimore, ~~itself~~.

May I, as Governor of the State of Maryland, call your attention to the deplorable condition of this government reservation, and ask your support of bill H R No. 5261, as introduced by Hon. J. Chas. Linthicum, which bill provides for the rehabilitation of the Fort to the condition in which it stood during the bombardment in the War of 1812; and which would make the grounds forever a national military reservation.

Yours very truly,

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ALBERT C. RITCHIE
GOVERNOR



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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Very truly yours,

Albert C. Ritchie
Governor.

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