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# United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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February 17, 1925.

W. Hall Harris, Esq.,  
Maryland Historical Society,  
201 W. Monument St.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Harris:--

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. Everything in my power will be done, you may rest assured, to secure the passage of the House Bill relating to Fort McHenry. My interest in this Bill is something like your own zealous interest, that is to say, an interest that far transcends the ordinary routine obligations of a member of Congress. Fortunately, I am a member of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs to which the Bill will, doubtless, be referred.

Truly yours,

*William Cabell Bruce*

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# United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES.

February 17, 1925.

W. Hall Harris, Esquire,  
Maryland Historical Society,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Harris:

Your letter of the 16th has been received and carefully read.

To anyone at all familiar with my attitude in regard to making Fort McHenry a National Park, it is hardly necessary for me to say that I have always been heartily in favor of legislation providing for this end.

The measure which has been pending in the House of Representatives providing for making this historic fort a National Park, H.R. 5261, yesterday passed that branch of Congress. This bill will now be presented to the Senate Military Affairs Committee for consideration, after which it must be favorably reported out and acted upon by the Senate before March 4th. I am not a member of the Military Affairs Committee, but shall take the matter up immediately with Senator Wadsworth, its Chairman, and do everything within my power towards having the measure reported out favorably and promptly to the Senate for action.

My colleague, Senator Bruce, is a member of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and it might be well if you and others interested would get in touch with him in connection with this proposed legislation. I am sure

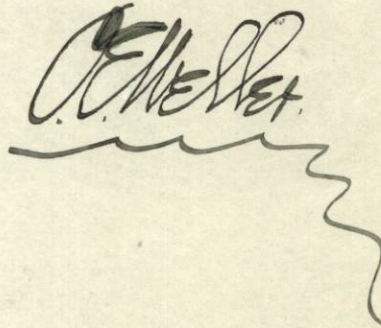
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he will do everything possible to assist in its passage.

With kind regards and assuring you of my  
pleasure in serving you whenever within my power,  
believe me

Sincerely yours,



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February 17, 1925

Gen. John H. Sherburne,  
15 Congress Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Harry:

May I trouble you again in connection with the burning question of the preservation of Fort McHenry? After several years of struggle, the Bill (H.R. 5261) passed the House yesterday (I don't know whether the Speaker was absent or napping) and is hurried over to the Senate where it goes to the Committee on Military Affairs, of which Wadsworth of New York is Chairman and Bruce of Maryland a Member. Notwithstanding the congestion of business at the end of this Session, Bruce thinks the Committee being favorably inclined, the Bill can be squeezed through, provided the Secretary of War continues, as we were advised he was, favorably inclined towards the Bill, and will act upon and return it immediately upon its being submitted to him, which should be within a day or two. So many Senators have expressed themselves as advocating the passage of this Bill, that the real peril now seems to be the brevity of the remaining time for action.

If, and only if, it would be entirely convenient and agreeable to you, we should greatly appreciate it if you would suggest to the Secretary the importance both of his favorable and of his prompt action upon the Bill when it shall reach him from the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. As you know I am very shy about approaching the Great, either directly or indirectly, and never do so for personal matters, but this is rather a pet project and certainly impersonal.

Yours very truly,

# WESTERN UNION



# NIGHT LETTER

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**SEND** the following Night Letter, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

February 17, 1925

J. H. Sherburne,  
15 Congress Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Referring to my letter of this date, am now advised it is very important you wire the Secretary tomorrow Thursday morning, if you are willing to do so.

(W.Hall Harris)

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SHERBURNE, POWERS & NEEDHAM  
19 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

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February 18, 1925.

Mr. W. Hall Harris,  
433 Title Bldg.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am sending herewith a telegram to the Honorable Secretary of War, a copy of which is enclosed. I wish that I felt my humble word would have more effect with the gentleman in question.

May I take this opportunity to do what I have long neglected to do and which has troubled my tender conscience very much; thank you for your kind Christmas and birthday gifts. I think I have tried ten times to write to you and Mrs. Harris, but the world has been a very strenuous place for me lately and I seem to have lost entirely the habit of letter writing.

Please advise me if I can do anything further on the Fort McHenry matter.

Sincerely yours,

*John H. Sherburne*  
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

FEBRUARY 18, 1925.

JOHN W WEEKS

SECRETARY OF WAR

WASHINGTON D C

MAY I RESPECTFULLY EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACT FAVORABLY IN REGARD TO THE ACQUISITION OF FORT MCHENRY IN BALTIMORE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN UNITED STATES SENATE STOP PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES EVERYWHERE ENDORSE PLAN AND UNLESS DONE PROMPTLY AN HISTORIC LANDMARK OF VITAL SIGNIFICANCE MAY BE LOST

JOHN H SHERBURNE

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WHILE SECRETARY WEEKS INCLINES TO THE OPINION THAT THE CITY  
SHOULD MAINTAIN THE PARK I THINK HE WILL APPROVE OUR BILL

O E WELLER

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- 1911 - July 19 - Con.to have made  
Military Reservation
- 1912 - Mch. 27 - Denny - Bill prepared
- 1912 - Apl. 3 - Gen.Wood - Rayner
- 1912 - Apl. 15 - Rayner introduces bill  
Resolution of S.R.
- 1912 - Apr. 27 - Conference Linthicum
- 1912 - Jul. 11 - House Com.Mil.Affrs.  
which approves bill
- 1914 - Feb. 3 - Breckinridge,Asst.  
Secty.War
- 1914 - May 26 - Act ceding to City
- 1921 - Oct. 24 - Weller,as to threatened  
sale.
- 1921 - Oct. 27 - Bland(Booklet) Weller  
France, Linthicum, Hill,  
Blakeney, Key Compton
- 1922 - Jan. 24 - Spl.Meeting Md.Hist.Scy.  
Resolution (France)
- 1922 - Mar. 1 - Jcint Resolution,Md.
- 1924 - Jan. 14 - Formal Resolution of  
Md.Hist.Scy.(2nd)
- 1924 - Apl. 16 - Hearing Military Com.
- 1924 - Apl. 24 - 1812 Com. Mtg.
- 1924 - Nov. 19 - City Hall meeting

February 18, 1925

Hon. O. E. Weller,  
Senate of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Weller:

In addition to the very valuable assistance heretofore rendered us in the matter of the Fort McHenry Reservation, I am very greatly indebted for your encouraging telegram which has just been received, and hope the matter may now be successfully pushed to a conclusion.

The difficulty with regard to City maintenance does not seem to me to lie in the question of its cost so much as in the very undesirable feature of the maintenance of Government property of the peculiar character of Fort McHenry by a Park Commission, and more especially to the peril which would at all times be incident to action which resulted in City ownership since with changing administrations and uncertainty of complexion of Councils, it might well happen that the Fort would be disposed of for commercial purposes. No one can forecast with any degree of accuracy the unforeseen perils attendant upon City control and more particularly upon City ownership, while the cost of maintenance by the War Department cannot amount to any considerable sum.

Yours very truly,

I have to thank you also for a kindly letter with regard to my election to the Presidency of the Maryland Historical Society, for which opportunity did not serve this morning.

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February 21, 1925

General John H. Sherburne,  
19 Congress Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Harry:

I am very much indebted for your letter of the 18th and copy of telegram of same date to Secretary Weeks. Whether by reason of the persuasive effect of the latter or because of the wooing of a delegation which waited upon him just about the time your telegram is presumed to have been received, is not known, but he has done what was asked by stating that the proposed Bill was satisfactory to the War Department, thereby complying with the letter, but he stuck on a rider going beyond the purview of the Bill and dealing with generalities, whereby I am apprehensive that in the spirit he has not improbably cooked our goose. However, we are all very much indebted for your kind offices and obliged to the Secretary the more if the Bill gets through and the less if it doesn't.

Yours very truly,

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February 24, 1925.

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

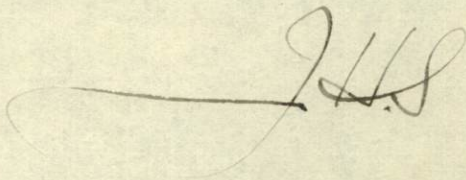
Dear Mr. Harris:

Am sorry Weeks put a rider on his recommenda-  
tion. He writes me as follows:

"I think my recommendation in this matter  
will be sufficient to secure favorable  
consideration for the bill."

It may be that a little later there will be another  
Secretary of War, and that things can be done a little  
easier.

Sincerely,



JHS  
DEH



# National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Headquarters, Office of the President National

MRS. SAMUEL PRESTON DAVIS, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas

My dear Mr Maynard

Just a line of congratulation  
I have just received a special delivery  
letter enclosing clippings from the Evening  
Sun of Feb 27. bringing the good news  
that at last The Fort M-Henry Bill  
introduced by Mr. Smith has been  
passed by Senate & now only awaits  
the Presidents signature and I feel  
very safe that possibly by this time  
it is a Law. it surely has taken  
years of patient waiting. I note  
Mr Smiths last note in regard  
to the Star-Spangled-Bill. I fear it will  
lie again for the chud time but will

to arise at the next session. Then I  
will have to call on all our Marylanders  
to once again bend all our efforts  
to be, at least try to have it passed  
at the next session. When that is  
collected for all times the work & honor  
to-day will be well done.

The Monument  
(who I never shall think it the right idea  
or conception to honor by such a back  
lined to the flag) - now the first  
a national possession now the dear Spangled  
Banner Bill

again with hearty con-  
gratulation to you & your Society to  
its introduction to Maryland

Patriotically & sincerely  
Ella G. Storroway  
Mrs. Ruthen Ross Storroway

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March 1<sup>st</sup> 1925

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS

March 2, 1925.

T. M. Maynadier, Esquire,  
105 Bourse Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Maynadier:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your good letter of February 28th, and I wish to assure you it was a pleasure for me to help in every way I could in connection with having Fort McHenry made a National Park. I know how long you and others interested have labored to bring about this much desired result.

With kind regards and assuring you of my pleasure in serving you whenever within my power, believe me

Sincerely yours,

*O. E. Weller*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS

March 2, 1925.

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

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 27th, 1925.

Mr. Richard U. Worthington,  
412 Fidelity Bldg.,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Worthington:

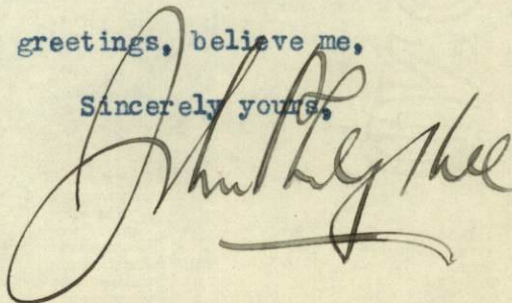
I have your letter of the 26th in reference to the meeting on April 27th at the Maryland Historical Society to celebrate the acquisition of Fort McHenry.

I shall be very glad to be present, if possible, but the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy meets on April 27th, and I shall probably have to be in Annapolis that evening. Therefore, do not count on me as being present, but if I find I will be able to be there, I will advise you on the afternoon of April 27th.

I think we all should feel very much pleased in reference to the Fort McHenry situation.

With best greetings, believe me,

Sincerely yours,



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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

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March 27, 1927.

Richard W. Worthington, Esq.,  
Chairman, Committee on Entertainment,  
Maryland Society of the War of 1812,  
412 Fidelity Bldg.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Worthington:

I have received your kind invitation to attend the meeting at the Rooms of the Maryland Historical Society of the Society of the War of 1812, but I regret to say that my plans are such that I am unable to accept.

The most important thing for the Society of the War of 1812 to bear in mind is the necessity for the insertion in the proper House appropriation bill at the next session of Congress of an item appropriating the sum of \$50,000. for the restoration of Fort McHenry out of the proceeds of the sale of the old material at the Fort.

Through the courtesy of Senator Warren, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, I succeeded in having such an appropriation item made a part of one of the appropriation bills enacted at the last session of Congress, and this notwithstanding the fact that my amendment would have been ruled out as not germane to the appropriation bill in question had any Senator objected to it. As soon as the amendment was adopted, I notified Mr. Linthicum, and I entertain no doubt that he did all that he could to follow up the advantage that I had secured; which, indeed, I had been prompted by a suggestion from him to seek; but, for some reason or other, the House refused to accede to my amendment and it was, consequently, lost.

Mr. Linthicum should be requested to do all in his power to see that the same proposition shall be initiated by the House itself next time.

Truly yours,



l/b

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS

*Weller*

March 28, 1925.

Richard W. Worthington, Esquire,  
412 Fidelity Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Worthington:

In the absence of Senator Weller I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to him to attend a meeting of the Society of the War of 1812, to be held on April 27th.

Senator Weller sailed for Florida last week and is not expected to return until sometime in April. He has planned to then go to Oklahoma for several weeks. For this reason I do not believe that he will be able to accept your kind invitation. I shall be glad to place it before him at the very first opportunity.

The Senator is greatly interested in Fort McHenry and took much pleasure in having it made a National Park. I know that it will be a matter of deep regret to him that he is not in a position to celebrate the acquisition with you.

Assuring you of the desire of this office to serve you during the absence of the Senator, I am

Very truly yours,

*E. C. Einstein*

Secretary.

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FOURTH MARYLAND DISTRICT

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LINTHICUM BUILDING  
20 E. LEXINGTON STREET  
BY APPOINTMENT

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Baltimore ~~Washington, D. C.~~ - April 3, 1925

Mr. Richard W. Worthington,  
412 Fidelity Bldg.  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Worthington:

In reply to your kind invitation,  
I shall be glad to be present at the meeting of  
the Society of the War of 1812 on April 27th at  
8 o'clock.

With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

*J. Chas. Linthicum*

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T. MURRAY MAYNADIER  
105 BOURSE BUILDING

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*Society of the War of 1812  
in Maryland*

BALTIMORE, MD.

April 13th, 1925.

REMEMBER THE PLACE - - MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

REMEMBER THE DATE - - APRIL 27TH, 1925.

Dear Compatriot:

The Maryland Society of the war of 1812 will meet at the home of the Maryland Historical Society (S. W. corner of Monument Street and Park Avenue) on Monday evening, April 27th, 1925 at eight o'clock, as the guest of the Maryland Historical Society.

This meeting is to celebrate the recent acquisition of Fort McHenry as a National Park, which was accomplished primarily through the efforts of our Society and its various members. The history of our Society and of the movement to acquire the Fort will be told on April 27th by speakers of ability.

IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY BE PRESENT ON THIS OCCASION AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT THEY WEAR THE INSIGNIA OF OUR SOCIETY.

Your officers and committee members are doing their utmost to make this occasion an outstanding event in the history of the Society and we urge you to demonstrate your loyalty and interest in that Society, founded by our ancestors of whom we should be so proud, by your presence on this momentous and auspicious occasion.

Sincerely,

T. Murray Maynadier,

President.

Committee in Charge:

Richard W. Worthington, Chairman,  
Dr. James D. Iglehart  
John E. Beatty  
Alfred Elliott Sharp  
Charles F. Henderson.

April 27th, 1925

A special meeting of the Society was held tonight with the President in the chair. The Society had as its guest the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland.

The Recording Secretary reported one item of formal business, the nomination of members, which were as follows:

Mrs. William M. Ives	nominated by	Charles W. Baldwin
Victor Wilson	" "	John L. Sanford
James C. Johnson	" "	" " "
Douglas Thomas	" "	George L. Radcliffe
Mrs. Catherine Thomas	" "	" " "

The President stated that it is always a matter of great regret that the condition of Mrs. Keyser's health often prevents her being present at our meetings but that on this occasion her absence is an unusually great disappointment as she has a special interest in the meeting. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Keyser in which she said that her grandfather, James Barroll, was an officer in the defense of Fort McHenry when it was bombarded. Judge Dawking then moved:

RESOLVED: That in having as guests tonight the members of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, we recall with pleasure the fact that our home was presented to us by a granddaughter of James Barroll, who, as an officer, took an active part in the defense of Baltimore on September 12, 1814.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That it is a great disappointment to us that our generous donor, Mrs. Mary Washington Keyser, widow of the late H. Irving Keyser, is prevented by sickness from being present tonight. We trust that she will speedily be restored to health, that we may soon again have the pleasure of having her again at our meetings, and that we may have the fullest opportunity of benefiting from her stimulating interest and helpful advice in working out plans for the future of the society which her constructive generosity has so richly endowed.

This motion was duly seconded and carried.

The President spoke of the honor of this Society in having as its guest

The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland. He referred to the long and hard fought battle of that Society, with assistance of certain individuals, to make Fort McHenry into a National Park. He then stated that it was with great satisfaction he could report success to the efforts.

Mr. T. Murray Maynadier, President of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, expressed the pleasure of that Society in being guest of the Historical Society on this occasion. He then introduced Dr. James D. Iglehart who read a paper on the origin and growth of that Society. At the close of the paper letters from Congressmen John Phillip Hill and J. Charles Linthicum and Senators William Cabell Bruce and O. E. Weller were read, stating their pleasure in having been able to aid in having the bill making Fort McHenry a National Park.

President Maynadier introduced General Clinton L. Riggs who read a very interesting paper telling of the efforts made by his Committee, for the past twenty years, to get Congress to set aside the reservation as a National Park.

Congressman J. Charles Linthicum told how Congress had been persuaded that the Fort should be perpetuated as a National Park. At the end of his interesting talk he stated that Hon. John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, had been most helpful in the matter and that a few weeks after the signing of the bill he had become very ill. Upon motion of Mr. Thomas Fowley Hisky, duly seconded and carried, it was resolved:

That the deepest sympathy of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland be conveyed to the Secretary of War, Hon. John W. Weeks, with best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Thomas Fowley Hisky gave a most interesting talk on the value of patriotic Societies.

Mr. James E. Hancock, for a special Committee, presented to the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, an American flag which was a replica of the

one that flew from the flag staff in Fort McHenry and carried at the battles of Bladensburg and North Point, having fifteen stars and fifteen stripes. President Maynadier expressed the deep appreciation of that Society for the valuable and beautiful gift.

He then presented to that Society, on behalf of Miss Susan Dobbin Leakin, a photograph of the portrait of Shepperd Church Leakin, a soldier at Fort McHenry during the bombardment. It was duly moved and carried that the picture be accepted with thanks and placed in the care of the Society for safe keeping.

President Harris extended the thanks of this Society to the Society of the War of 1812 for its most enjoyable evening. He then invited them to inspect the rooms of the Society at the close of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

We should look well to our inheritance and be not recreant to our trust, but as faithful stewards guard with a jealous care the benign gifts entrusted to our keeping, and see to it that the purposes and boast of our institutions be not sullied nor our estate depreciated.

Peace being established with England our warriors laid down their arms, and the ~~union~~ <sup>Country</sup> took its place among the nations of the earth, and the ~~union~~ <sup>nation</sup> settled down to live out that life so grandly planned for it by the framers of our Constitution. Men of all classes, and politicians of every shade of opinion, vied with each other in carrying out the principles of a free and enlightened citizenship and to build up a nation founded upon the fear of Almighty GOD, the love of liberty and the kinship of man. For over four score years our country had been free from entangling allianes and collision with a foreign power, when suddenly the wail of the oppressed was heard, and with the reiterated cry that "all men were born free and equal", and should not be trodden under the foot of despotism, our Nation was precipitated into a conflict with haughty Spain, and the year 1898 found us again involved in a foreign war. The result of that conflict, short and sanguinary, though far reaching in effect, is within the personal knowledge of each of ~~us~~. It is the solemn duty of every American who loves his country, to study well the effect upon our national life of that conflict and the resultant struggle now waging in the islands of the far East; more especially ~~is~~ is this true of members of this and kindred organiza-

tions whose avowed mission is to keep alive the fire of true Americanism and foster the love of country.

The tendency of the hour, at least among certain political ~~and~~ leaders and commercial agencies, and I except no party and arraign specially none, seems to be a drifting away from the old ideals of the American people. A lust for power, more in-sidious than the thirst for wine, more disastrous to the national life than the latter to the individual man, appears to have permeated the minds and hearts of many of our people. The old simplicity of the citizen and the freeman <sup>Seems</sup> ~~was~~ giving way to a spirit of militarism, the delights of liberty to the glories of despotism. Most foreign, indeed, are these to the genius of our institutions, and are such that, if not soon checked, will transform us from a republic to an empire with all its burdens, extravagances and injustice. Yet, we have an abiding faith in the honest heart of the American people that, after the first flush of triumph has cooled, they will not ruthlessly trample upon the rights of another people, nor despise a claim such as Washington and Jackson fought to maintain, and assume the role of the English King.

In hours like the present, when the mind and heart revert, with thankfulness to GOD, to our struggles of the past which enabled us to throw off the yoke of oppression and rid us of the iron heel that trampled upon our manhood, and <sup>which</sup> enabled us to emerge from the conflict a free and independent people; when we glory in our strength and

freedom, and vaunt in the faces of the nations of the earth our boast of being a liberty loving people, and so loudly proclaim that all men are born free and equal and of right should be allowed to govern themselves, it were well we should pause before we leave the simple ways of the republic and wander from the path our forefathers trod. The question is a momentous one and should arrest the thoughtful attention and deepest study of every citizen ere, through the greed for possession, the lust for commerce, and entangling alliances, it is too late.

Our organization should indeed be one of education, one whose every thought, whose every effort should be to foster a greater love of country and stimulate a deeper sense of the blessings of peace, of liberty and the true brotherhood of man. Unless we do more than assemble ourselves for social enjoyment and selfishly regale ourselves in the society of each other, and live over the glories of the past, taking no heed to the future, then, indeed, have we fallen short of our mission, and our huzzas for the flag will be as ignoble and disgraceful as was the act of those in ancient time who with one breath cried Hosannah and cast palms before the approaching Saviour, with the next as loudly cried "Crucify Him".

I regret that one whose historical researches have fitted him so well to tell us of the great battle we now celebrate and of the invincible patriot, whose memory we

now honor, should be detained at his home, for Mr Marine cannot be with us owing to a painful ailment, yet we have others here, whom I am glad to say will have much to interest us, though upon just what lines they will speak has been left to their individual selection. I have now the pleasure of presenting to you

*Dr J. D. Zehner*



CONNECTICUT AND CALIFORNIA AVENUES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 5, 1925

Dear Mr Hancock:

For years I have each  
summer delighted to receive  
usomy letters received during  
the year previous. A few days  
ago while so enjoying with  
my correspondence for 1924  
I found a letter from your  
Calendar, which I had en-  
tirely forgotten.

I enclose a copy for your  
satisfaction.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Morris Bergmann.

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November 14, 1925

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

Dear Howard:

I received today your notice to be present at the City Hall on Wednesday to attend a meeting in connection with Fort McHenry. I expect that I will have to be in Richmond, Virginia, trying a case, but if I am not, I shall certainly be on hand, as I am much interested in this proposition.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,  
*George Weems Williams*

Smithsonian Institution,

May 1, 1926.

James E. Hancock, Esq.,  
521 Lombard Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Hancock:

Ever since our pleasant conversation on the way back from Philadelphia last June I have had Fort McHenry in mind and it came my way to be active in the preparation of the accompanying enclosures which I have much pleasure in sending you for preservation in such way as may appeal to you.

As originally planned the Government Printing Office proposed the issue of the data in a four-page circular which for many reasons which are not pertinent here that plan was abandoned and the single sheet substituted of which you will find herewith the series showing the various printings.

More than likely however, the original plan of a four-page pamphlet will be revived and the same distributed at the Sesqui Centennial to be held this summer in Philadelphia.

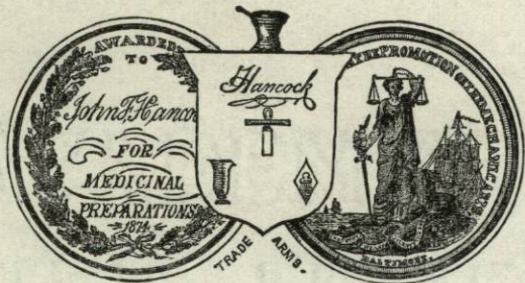
May I ask that you will keep all this quiet until some definite decision will be arrived at by the Government Printing Office for the simple reason that all that I have came to me confidentially but I do want that through you the Maryland 1812 Society may have the copies for preservation, or perhaps for framing and exhibiting at Fort McHenry.

With the assurances of my high regard, I beg to

remain, Yours very truly,

*Marius Tinianus*

JAMES E. HANCOCK



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Dr. Marcus Benjamin.

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Thanking you for the copy that was sent to me and which is appreciated, I am sure that you will take these friendly criticism in the right spirit and believe me to be,

Very truly yours,

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March 3, 1928

The President

Washington.

The Maryland Historical Society very earnestly hopes that House Bill number two hundred and four for the preservation of Fort McHenry as a National Shrine may receive Executive approval.

W. HALL HARRIS

President

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Mr. Robbins' file  
let in 561 at  
Building

March 14, 1928

Mr. C. B. Robbins,  
The Assistant Secretary of War,  
Washington.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Maryland Historical Society, I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the courtesy of your letter of twelfth instant, advising that on the eighth idem The President signed, H.R.204 authorizing an additional appropriation for the restoration of Fort McHenry, a matter in which the Society takes a deep interest.

Yours very truly,

President.