

such expenditures in order to determine their correctness. For these reasons, I am recommending that this appropriation be increased as a proper and necessary safeguard in the expenditures of public monies.

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

A net increase to this agency of \$3,269.00 is recommended in the operating expense account which, with certain other adjustments, will make provisions for editing and publishing early county records. The cost of this publication will be \$5,000.00.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

An increase of \$48,074.00 is allowed in this budget. Practically all of this, however, is not new money, but represents merely a transfer of funds for the maintenance of public buildings in Annapolis. These appropriations were formerly carried in the Board of Public Works budget. These items are: light, heat, power and water, \$20,500.00; fuel, \$10,600.00; repairs to and maintenance of buildings, \$8,075.00, a total of \$39,175.00. Two additional watchmen and two janitors are also needed to take proper care of public buildings in Annapolis.

RENTAL OF STATE OFFICES IN BALTIMORE CITY

The Budget Law provides that the Board of Public Works must approve all leases for the rental of offices by State Agencies, and also provides that the Board shall designate the location of such offices. With this authority over accommodations of State Agencies, it is logical that the Board of Public Works should also pay the rent for space designated by it for the use of State Departments. This procedure has been followed in this budget and all sums heretofore appropriated for the rental of State offices in Baltimore City have been eliminated in the respective budgets and are carried as a lump sum to the Board of Public Works in Miscellaneous Appropriations No. 3.

The Special Funds Departments have been charged with their rentals, the statement showing a total appropriation of \$112,000.00 in General Funds and \$9,000.00 in Special Funds. This will centralize in the Board of Public Works the authority for the payment of rentals in Baltimore City.

SPECIAL FUNDS COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The work of this Department has increased considerably in the last two years, both in the money collected and in the number of licenses issued. It has been necessary to employ almost constantly as many as nineteen temporary clerks. I have carefully considered the situation and am convinced that seventeen additional employees are necessary. These have been provided in the budget which I am recommending. They consist of

- 1 additional operating license examiner.
- 3 additional senior clerks.
- 2 additional junior clerks.