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GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

Annapolis January 16, 17 & 18.

1918

November 8th, 1919.

Mr. Miles C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir;

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th ultimo,  
with enclosures. I thank you very much for your kind-  
ness.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
GOVERNOR EMERSON C. HARRINGTON  
MARYLAND  
GOVERNOR RUFFING PLEASANT  
LOUISIANA  
GOVERNOR HENRY J. ALLEN  
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MADISON, WISCONSIN

*es/c*

Oct. 10, 1919

Governor E. C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Pursuant to directions given by the Governors at the recent Salt Lake City Conference, I am inclosing herewith that portion of the Conference Proceedings pertaining to the reorganization of the National Guard.

You will note by reference to the latter portion of the inclosed the following motion:

By Governor Bickett, (No. Caro.) "I move that the secretary be requested to have notes of this discussion transcribed at once, including the paper read by the Governor of Pennsylvania and the addresses by the Governors here today on this subject; that this typewritten transcript be at once sent by him to the Governor of each state of the U. S.; and that he request each Governor to carefully read the transcript and then write to each member of Congress from his state, setting forth his views on the subject."

I shall be glad to be of service to you in any way in connection with this important subject.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *M. C. R.*

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Madison, Wisconsin,  
September 8, 1919.

My dear Governor:

I have the honor to enclose herewith an outline report of the Committee of Governors selected by the Governors' Conference to confer with the President with a view to ascertaining in what way the states can best cooperate with the Federal Government in combatting the high cost of living problems. The report is in general form, but I trust will convey to you the results of the conferences held.

A concerted attack along the lines indicated in the report should bring results.

I am anxious to be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR/F

This Bill is pending before the  
Senate. It may be further amended.  
A copy of the act when passed will  
be forwarded to you from this office.

M. C. RILEY, SECY.

66th CONGRESS,  
1st Session.

H. R. 8624.

(Report No. 162.)

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

August 23, 1919.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

AUGUST 23 (calendar day, AUGUST 27), 1919.

Reported by Mr. Gronna, with amendments.

(Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italics*.)

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A N A C T

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide further for the national security and defense by encouraging the production, conserving the supply, and controlling the distribution of food products and fuel," approved August 10, 1917.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the  
3 first paragraph of the Act entitled "An Act to provide further  
4 for the national security and defense by encouraging the pro-  
5 duction, conserving the supply, and controlling the distribution  
6 of food products and fuel," approved August 10, 1917, be, and  
7 the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

8 "That by reason of the existence of a state of war, it is  
9 essential to the national security and defense, for the suc-

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1 cessful prosecution of the war and for the support and main-  
2 tenance of the Army and Navy, to assure an adequate sup-  
3 ply and equitable distribution, and to facilitate the move-  
4 ment of foods, feeds, wearing apparel, containers primarily  
5 designed or intended for containing foods, feeds, or fertili-  
6 zers; fuel, including fuel oil and natural gas, and fertilizer  
7 and fertilizer ingredients, tools, utensils, implements, machin-  
8 ery, and equipment required for the actual production of foods,  
9 feeds, and fuel, hereafter in this Act called necessities; to  
10 prevent, locally or generally, scarcity, monopolization, hoard-  
11 ing, injurious speculation, manipulation, and private controls  
12 affecting such supply, distribution, and movement; and to  
13 establish and maintain governmental control of such necessar-

14 ies during the war; and to prevent in the District of Colum-  
15 bia unreasonable profits on dwelling houses, dwelling rooms,  
16 and apartments held for lease, sublease, or rent. For such  
17 purposes the instrumentalities, means, methods, powers,  
18 authorities, duties, obligations, and prohibitions hereinafter  
19 set forth are created, established, conferred, and prescribed.  
20 The President is authorized to make such regulations and to  
21 issue such orders as are essential effectively to carry out the  
22 provisions of this Act."

23 SEC. 2. That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to  
24 provide further for the national security and defense by  
25 encouraging the production, conserving the supply, and con-

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1 trolling the distribution of food products and fuel," approved  
2 August 10, 1917, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as  
3 to read as follows:

4 "That it is hereby made unlawful for any person will-  
5 fully to destroy any necessities for the purpose of enhancing  
6 the price or restricting the supply thereof; knowingly to com-  
7 mit waste or willfully to permit preventable deterioration of  
8 any necessities in or in connection with their production,  
9 manufacture, or distribution; to hoard, as defined in section  
10 6 of this Act, any necessities; to monopolize or attempt to  
11 monopolize, either locally or generally, any necessities; to  
12 engage in any discriminatory and unfair, or any deceptive  
13 or wasteful practice or device, or to make any unjust or  
14 unreasonable rate or charge in handling or dealing in or with  
15 any necessities, or to exact unreasonable and excessive prices  
16 for the lease, sublease, rent, or subrent of any dwelling house,  
17 dwelling rooms, or apartments, either furnished or unfurnished,  
18 in the District of Columbia; to conspire, combine, agree,  
19 or arrange with any other person (a) to limit the facilities  
20 for transporting, producing, harvesting, manufacturing,  
21 supplying, storing, or dealing in any necessities; (b) to  
22 restrict the supply of any necessities; (c) to restrict distri-  
23 bution of any necessities; (d) to prevent, limit, or lessen  
24 the manufacture or production of any necessities in order to  
25 enhance the price thereof; or (e) to exact excessive prices

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1 for any necessities, or to aid or abet the doing of any act  
2 made unlawful by this section. Any person violating any  
3 of the provisions of this section upon conviction thereof shall  
4 be fined not exceeding \$5,000 or be imprisoned for not more  
5 than two years, or both: Provided, That this section shall  
6 not apply to any farmer, gardener, horticulturist, vine-

7 yardist, planter, ranchman, dairyman, stockman, or other  
8 agriculturist, with respect to the farm products produced or  
9 raised upon land owned, leased, or cultivated by him: And  
10 provided Provided further, That nothing in this Act shall be  
11 construed to forbid or make unlawful collective bargaining  
12 by any cooperative association or other association of farmers,  
13 dairymen, gardeners, or other producers of farm products  
14 with respect to the farm products produced or raised by its  
15 members upon land owned, leased, or cultivated by them:  
16 And provided further, That to make unjust or unreasonable  
17 a rate or charge in handling or dealing in or with any neces-  
18 saries, except where there has been a conspiracy, combination,  
19 or arrangement with reference to prices, such rate or charge  
20 must be in excess of the rate or charge fixed by a fair-price  
21 committee, and the Department of Justice is authorized to  
22 provide for the appointment of fair-price committees."

23 SEC. 3. That sections 8 and 9 of the Act entitled "An  
24 Act to provide further for the national security and defense  
25 by encouraging the production, conserving the supply, and

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1 controlling the distribution of food products and fuel," ap-  
2 proved August 10, 1917, be, and the same are hereby re-  
3 pealed: Provided, That any offense committed in violation  
4 of said sections 8 and 9, prior to the passage of this Act, may  
5 be prosecuted and the penalties prescribed therein enforced in  
6 the same manner and with the same effect as if this Act had  
7 not been passed.

Passed the House of Representatives August 22, 1919.

ATTEST:

WM. TYLER PAGE,

Clerk.



CUTLINE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF  
GOVERNORS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNORS'  
CONFERENCE TO CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT  
AND ASCERTAIN IN WHAT WAY THE STATES CAN  
BEST COOPERATE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
IN COMBATTING THE HIGH COST OF LIVING  
PROBLEMS.

DECLARATION ADOPTED

The Governors of the States of the United States, in Conference assembled at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 19th day of August, 1919, declare:

That we recognize in the high and in many instances the excessive cost of necessities throughout the Nation the cause of much of the unrest now prevailing:

That it is highly important that prompt and effective action be taken by Federal and State Authorities to the end that the situation may be remedied;

That it is, therefore, the sense of this Conference of Governors, that, in addition to exercising all power and authority vested in the States, a committee of seven Governors be selected to forthwith go to Washington to confer with the President, with a view of ascertaining in what manner the States may best co-operate with the National Government in remedying the situation, and at once advise the Governors of the several States of the results of their Conference with the President, and, if in their judgment necessary, again convene this Conference at a time and place to be determined by them.

### COMMITTEE NAMED

The following committee of Governors was selected by the Conference:

Governor F. D. Gardner, Mo., Chairman  
Governor Wm. C. Sproul, Pa.  
Governor Samuel V. Stewart, Mont.  
Governor Thomas E. Campbell, Ariz.  
Governor R. W. Cooper, So. Caro.  
Governor J. A. A. Burnquist, Minn.  
Governor C. E. Milliken, Me.

### CONFERENCES AT WASHINGTON

The committee convened at Washington on Friday morning August 29th and held conferences that day as follows:

10:00 A.M. With Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer at his offices.

2:15 P.M. With the President at the White House.

### STATEMENT ISSUED BY COMMITTEE

Following the foregoing Conferences the committee issued a statement as follows:

"After our meetings with the President and Attorney General, certain facts are clear:

1. That all the people of the nation and all organizations should immediately co-operate for the purpose of increasing the production of the necessaries of life.

2. That economy in consumption and care in purchasing the necessaries of life are equally important with production.

3. That every agency of the Federal and State governments should co-operate forthwith to prevent profiteering.

4. The suggestions of the Attorney General that a fair price commissioner be appointed in each of the states and fair price price committees in the different localities of the states, upon the nominations of the Governors, was approved."

### COOPERATION OFFERED AND ACCEPTED

The committee offered to both the President and the Attorney General the fullest cooperation from the states in meeting and combatting the high cost of living problems. The offer was cordially received and accepted.

Preliminary to stating in a concrete way the lines of cooperation by the states that will be most helpful, the Attorney General outlined in a general way some of the important of the several causes contributing to the high cost of living that can in part at least be remedied.

These are:

1. Subnormal production
2. Abnormal consumption or extravagance
3. Abnormal purchasing (including hoarding)
4. Profiteering

He then explained the remedial steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Department of Justice. These are:

1. **EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY** designed to:

- a. Increase production
- b. Moderate consumption
- c. Offset the "Buy now and avoid higher prices" slogan which characterized as propaganda to increase prices.
- d. Assure and convince the people that prices will not go higher.
- e. Convince the people that the government means business.

2. **RIGID ENFORCEMENT AND INTENSIVE ADMINISTRATION**  
OF ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED LAWS ENACTED TO  
PREVENT PROFITEERING.

This contemplates:

- a. Prosecutions under criminal statutes.
- b. Price control under the Bill now pending before Congress which empowers the Department of Justice to appoint a "Fair Price Commissioner" in each state, which officer in turn is empowered to appoint local "Fair Price Committees." This Bill, which it is expected will be law by the time this report reaches the Governors, provides severe penalties against unjust and unreasonable prices, and prescribes that prices higher than those fixed by the "Fair Price Committees" are prima Facie unjust and unreasonable. A copy of this Bill is attached hereto. Wearing apparel, including shoes, as well as food stuffs are embraced within its provisions.

#### COOPERATIVE ATTACK

It was submitted that the states can help at once "enormously" by cooperating in:

1. Conducting the publicity campaign above outlined through the executive offices or the offices of the state councils of National Defense.
2. Preventing profiteering:
  - a. By rigid enforcement of violation of state anti-profiteering acts.
  - b. Reporting to the Department of Justice violations of the Federal Anti-profiteering acts.
  - c. Administering the provisions of the Federal price control act.

ADMINISTERING FEDERAL PRICE CONTROL ACT

It was suggested that the former food administrators of the states, because of their experience, are best fitted for the position of "Fair Price Commissioners". These men have been asked to act. In case the former food administrator of any state cannot act, the Governor is requested to recommend to the Department of Justice a "Fair Price Commissioner" for his state.

There should be a "Fair Price Committee" for each county in each state to be composed about as follows: a wholesaler, a retailer, a representative of the housewives, and a representative of the general public.

The Department of Justice has funds wherewith to provide clerical assistance for the Commissioner and committees, but has not sufficient funds to pay either the Fair Price Commissioner or the members of the Fair Price committees for their services.

Judge Ames of the Department of Justice will furnish each Governor with an outline of a model state organization and with other information pertaining to this act.

The Fair Price Commissioner and his Fair Price committee men will be Federal officials. It was suggested by Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania that the states forthwith recognize these officials to the end that state and local agencies may be brought into close touch and cooperation with them.

The Attorney General expressed a desire to decentralize as much as possible in the administration of this price control act, and to rely upon local efforts, but added that in case of failure of any locality to act, or in case of unsatisfactory results in any locality, the situation in that particular locality would be handled directly by the Department of Justice.

EXPIRATION OF FOOD CONTROL ACT.

The Food Control Act expires upon the ratification of the Peace Treaty. Congress has been or will be asked to provide a similar act to govern thereafter. The adoption by the states of effective food control acts, for operation within their respective jurisdictions, was suggested. These include cold storage acts. The text of the cold storage acts of Delaware, California, Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania will be found in the Congressional Record of August 13, 1919 at pages 4093-4097.

September 11th, 1919.

Mr. H. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant with enclosures, in reference to the Committee appointed by the Governors' Conference to confer with the President. I shall communicate with you later about some matters.

Thanking you very much for your kindness, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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MADISON, WISCONSIN

Aug. 27, 1919

9/c

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

You no doubt have been appraised by press reports that the Governors' Conference in session at Salt Lake City appointed a committee of seven Governors to confer with the President and other Federal authorities with a view to ascertaining in what way the States may best cooperate with the Federal government in meeting and combating the high cost of living problems.

The following Governors were selected as members of this committee: Gardner, Mo., chairman; Sproul, Pa.; Stewart, Mont.; Campbell, Ariz.; Cooper, So. Caro.; Milliken, Me. and Burnquist, Minn.

The committee will convene at Washington Thursday evening, August 28, and will meet with the President the following morning. I will accompany the committee and will forthwith convey to all of the Governors the results of these conferences. It may be that the committee will recommend a re-convening of the Governors' Conference at some convenient point.

The Salt Lake City Conference was highly satisfactory and beneficial, although the attendance was below normal due to the railroad strike and other abnormal conditions.

Sincerely yours,

M. C. Riley. z. z.  
Secretary.

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August 16th, 1919.

Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, forwarding to me three copies of the official report of the Annapolis meeting of the Governors' Conference.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

August 15th, 1919.

Editor, Salt Lake Telegram,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir;

The Governor directs me to send you under separate cover  
a photograph of himself as requested in your telegram of some  
days ago.

Very respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

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*Cambridge, Md., Aug. 13, 1919.*

*Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,*

*Governor's Conference,*

*Madison, Wis.*

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*Exceedingly regret that circumstances over which I have no control at home will prevent my attendance at the Governor's Conference at Salt Lake City. My disappointment is keener than I can tell. With best wishes.*

SENDER'S NAME

*Emerson C. Harrington,*

SENDER'S ADDRESS

*Governor of Maryland.*

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GOVERNOR ANNAPOLIS MD

HON GOVERNOR IF YOU CONTEMPLATE ATTENDING GOVERNORS CONVENTION  
 SALT LAKE CITY CAN YOU ARRANGE GO VIA DENVER JOIN WITH US AND  
 OTHER GOVERNORS PICNIC CELEBRATION BY LINCOLN REPUBLICAN CLUB  
 SATURDAY AUGUST SIXTEENTH ALSO PARTICIPATE AUTOMOBILE SCENIC  
 MOUNTAIN TRIP TRAIN LEAVES DENVER SUNDAY ARRIVING SALT LAKE  
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ARTHUR M STRONG STATE AUDITOR

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*Greatly regret unable to attend*

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*Salt Lake City conference.**Emerson C. Harrington,**Governor of Md.*

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HON EMERSON C HARRINGTON GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS MD

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RAILROAD PROBLEM AND HIGH COST OF LIVING  
WARRANT SERIOUS ATTENTION BY GOVERNORS OF THE VARIOUS STATES AND SHOULD  
BE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE PERIOD FOR THIS REASON SHOULD LIKE  
TO HAVE ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTRY REPRESENTED AT OUR MEETING  
HERE NEXT WEEK PERIOD WIRE ME WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE  
AND RESERVATIONS DESIRED

SIMON BAMBERGER

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GOV E C HARRINGTON

ANNAPOLIS MD

GOVERNORS CONFERENCE PROGRAM WEDNESDAY TWENTIETH CONSISTS DISUSSION  
REDUCTION HIGH COST LIVING CHICAGO NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD TODAY OFFERS  
GOVERNORS TWO SPECIAL PULLMAN CARS OVERLAND LIMITED LEAVING CHICAGO  
SATURDAY EVENING SIXTEENTH SEVEN TEN ARRIVING SALT LAKE AFTERNOON  
EIGHTEEN FOUR THIRTY IF YOU DESIRE RESERVATIONS THESE CARS PLEASE WIRE  
ME DETAILS GIVING NUMBER PARTY

M C RILEY

912PM

# POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

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Madison, Wis. Aug 6-7

Gov. E.C. Harrington.

Governor Milliken wires asking if conference will discuss methods of reduce high cost living answered yes seems important arrangements be made for joint discussion and co-operative action between states and federal authorities and arrange for one day joint conference Salt Lake please wire so all Governors can be promptly advised arrangement materially influence attendance.

M.C. Riley.

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GOV HARRINGTON

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ANNAPOLIS MD

WILL YOU KINDLY FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF IMMEDIATELY TO  
US TO USE IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNORS CONFERENCE

DAVID CITY EDITOR SALT LAKE TELEGRAM

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GOV E C HARRINGTON

CAMBRIDGE MD

DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS AT SALT LAKE CITY AUGUST EIGHTEENTH TO TWENTY THIRD STOP WOULD YOU FAVOR DEVOTING AT LEAST ONE DAY OF THE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE METHODS OF REDUCING THE HIGH COST OF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE KINDLY WIRE ANSWER COLLECT ----

CARL E MILLIKEN

GOVERNOR OF MAINE .

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Annapolis, Md., August 16, 1919. 191

To Governor Carl E. Milliken, Governor of Maine,  
Street and No.

Place Augusta, Maine.

Greatly regret impossible

for me to attend Governors' Conference.

Emerson C. Harrington,

Governor of Maryland.

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
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Madison, Wis. Aug 5-6

Gov. F. C. Harrington,

Annapolis, Md.

President and cabinet formulating plan attack high cost living should  
not SaltLake conference consider this problem federal and state action  
should harmonize if you deem it advisable will you confer with President  
and others Washington with view to having appropriate federal represen-  
tatives SaltLake please wire.

M. C. Riley.

820Am

*Greenwood Bank*  
*1A.*

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Aug. 5, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Shortly after sending the telegram to you this morning relative to the securing of a representative of the Federal Government to appear before the Conference at Salt Lake to discuss ways and means of a co-operative attack upon high cost of living problems, I received the following telegram from Governor Gardner of Mo.:

"Never ending increase on cost living has brought about acute domestic crisis. It would be a fine thing to call Governors' Conference quick as possible and let every Governor drop all else and attend for general discussion and formation of united plan to aid. Fear date set 18th will be too late."  
Governor Gardner.

Governor Gardner's telegram was answered as follows:

"Federal procedure cannot be determined inside ten days. Federal and state plans of attacking problem should harmonize. Governor Harrington now conferring President. August 18th seems opportune for our meeting."

M. C. Riley.

I have sent copies of all these telegrams by mail to the other members of the executive committee.

I am not at all sure that a whole lot can be accomplished by a discussion of this general subject at the Salt Lake City Conference. However, it will afford us a lot of publicity, and may result in some real benefits.

I will await your telegraphic response to my telegram of this morning.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
SECRETARY.

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UTAH  
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Aug. 4, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith a copy of the program for the coming Conference, marked on the second page so as to indicate the probable attendance. I shall be very much disappointed if less than twenty-five Governors are in attendance. This means a party, all told, of approximately seventy-five.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

*8* Copies of the program have been sent to all Governors, to 250 papers in the principal large cities, to 125 papers in Capital Cities, and to about 50 of the best magazines

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July 31, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of the program for the Salt Lake City Conference.

Governor Bamberger wishes me to emphasize that all of the functions, social and otherwise, will be INFORMAL, and that the ladies are expected to participate in all entertainment features. Special features will be provided for the ladies during business sessions.

The Hotel Utah will be headquarters for the Conference party. If you have not already sent in your hotel reservations, please let me have them so that advance arrangements can be made.

The opening sessions will be held in the Mormon Tabernacle on Monday evening, August 18, at 8:00 P. M.

Anticipating the honor of meeting you at Salt Lake, I am

Sincerely yours,  
*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

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July 26, 1919.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Harrington:

I am about to have printed the program for the Salt Lake City Conference.

Five papers have been promised, two on the "State Budget", one by you and one by Governor Philipp; two on the "Growth and Consolidation of Administrative Commissions"; one by Governor McKelvie and one by Governor Davis of Idaho; and one on the "Expansion of the National Guard System as a Basis for National Defense", by Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania.

These five papers together with the resumes of Reconstruction Legislation should keep the Conference well engaged for all the time that is not given over to entertainment features.

The papers on the "State Budget" should prove most interesting and illuminating. They, no doubt, will bring out the excellencies and defects in the executive budget system in force in Md. and the legislative budget system in force in Wis. Likewise, the papers by Governor McKelvie and Governor Davis of Idaho should prove very interesting, as both Idaho and Nebraska have taken some very radical steps in the direction of consolidation of existing boards and commissions.

I will ask each of the Governors to prepare for informal presentation a brief resume of reconstruction legislation. This should prove interesting following the Annapolis meeting at which proposals for legislation were principally discussed.

The printed programs should be ready for distribution within the course of a few days.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

  
Secretary.

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July 16, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am forwarding to you by express pre-paid three copies of the official report of the Annapolis meeting of the Governors' Conference.

I regret very much that circumstances over which I had absolutely no control so delayed the distribution of these volumes. Some of the reporter's transcriptions sent out for correction to members of the President's Cabinet who addressed the Conference and to Governors were returned to me within the last thirty days.

Should you desire additional copies of this report they are available and I shall be glad to forward them to you.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

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STATE OF UTAH  
**Executive Office**  
SALT LAKE CITY

9/c  
July 11, 1919.

My dear Governor:

Realizing that business matters are constantly arising which necessitate a readjustment of plans and often cause a lapse of memory concerning some important event, I am taking the liberty of again calling your attention to the Governors' Conference, which is to be held in Salt Lake City, beginning August 18th. Not only do I wish to direct your attention to this important meeting, but I want to tell you I am going to be keenly disappointed if you fail to permit us to play host to you on this occasion. I also desire to offer a few suggestions which, I hope, will aid materially in making your visit one that will dwell long and pleasantly in memory.

First of all, it is highly important that we be advised at the earliest date possible the number in your party, and what reservations are desired. Also, we should know at the same time how many of your party will tour Yellowstone National Park as my guests. Won't you be good enough to supply me with this information as early as convenient, and advise if possible the date and train on which you will reach Salt Lake? If we can learn when you will arrive, it is our intention to have an automobile meet you at the train and remain at the disposal of your party during your stay in the city. Of course I am assuming that all the governors will be here by the afternoon of the 18th so as to participate in the opening program that evening, but some of the governors are expected here for a special meeting on the 16th, and it has occurred to me that you might be among them.

Now I'm ready to present the suggestions. If it will not be an imposition, may I not ask that, if you contemplate touring Yellowstone, you purchase your railroad ticket providing for a side trip from Salt Lake to Yellowstone? I am informed that, from

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**Executive Office**  
SALT LAKE CITY

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most points outside the intermountain region, tickets providing for the Yellowstone side trip may be obtained with but little if any additional expense, while to purchase a round trip-ticket at Salt Lake would mean about twenty-five dollars additional. This must not be taken to mean, however, that the side trip should include a tour of the park as that is to be my party.

Again permit me to impress upon you the advisability of bringing some heavy clothing for the park trip. I believe I suggested in my former letter that dress suits would be taboo; all our functions are to be informal in character. And just another word about the Yellowstone trip--the transportation companies operating in the park decline to accept baggage larger than suit cases.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the program as arranged to date and approved by the Executive Committee. I hope it will be as attractive as we intend; so much so that you can't stay away. We have planned for the ladies to attend all entertainments, as well as the opening session, and in addition some entertainment is being arranged for them during the forenoons while the business sessions are in progress.

I am expecting you; furthermore, it's going to take a mighty strong alibi to make the word "no" acceptable.

In keen anticipation of meeting you here at the conference, and with kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Sam H. H. H.*  
Governor.

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

AUGUST 18-24, 1919.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

8:00 P.M.---Organ recital and opening of conference--open to general public--at Mormon Tabernacle.

Address of welcome--Governor Simon Bamberger.

Address of welcome--Mayor W. Mont Perry.

Response--

9:00 P.M.---Reception at Tabernacle--INFORMAL

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

10:00 A.M.---Business session--House of Representatives, State Capitol.

Subjects for discussion--State Budget--  
Growth and Consolidation of Administrative  
Boards.

4:00 P.M.---Leave Hotel Utah for Saltair--Train leaving Saltair station 4:15 P.M.--bathing, dancing, etc.

7:00 P.M.---Dinner Saltair, INFORMAL--tendered by Governor Bamberger.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

10:00 A.M.---Business session--State Capitol.

Subjects for discussion--Round table--  
After-the-war problems; resume of Remedial  
Legislation enacted by 1919 Legislatures--

- (a) Education
- (b) Labor
- (c) Agriculture
- (d) General

1:00 P.M.---Informal luncheon--Mayor W. Mont Perry and Salt Lake City officials, hosts.

3:00 P.M.---Leave for Ogden via interurban

6:00 P.M.---Dinner at Hermitage Inn, Ogden Canyon, guests of Mayor T. S. Browning and Ogden City officials  
INFORMAL

7:30 P.M.---Leave Hermitage

8:15 P.M.---Leave Ogden for Salt Lake with stop over at Lagoon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

10:00 A.M.---Business session--State Capitol.

Subject for discussion--Expansion of the  
National Guard System as a Basis of  
National Defense.

1:50 P.M.---Leave for Bingham and Utah Copper mine via  
Bingham and Garfield Railroad.

8:30 P.M.---Leave Salt Lake on Yellowstone Special for  
three-day tour of Yellowstone Park.  
Only suit cases accepted as baggage in park.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

Morning-----Arrive Yellowstone Station 9:00 A.M.  
Breakfast at Oregon Short Line Cafe  
Leave western entrance by auto at 9:00 A.M.  
Arrive Old Faithful Inn, Upper Geyser  
Basin about 11:30 A.M.  
Lunch at Old Faithful

Afternoon---Dinner and special evening entertainment with  
camp fire at Old Faithful Camp

Lodging Old Faithful Inn. INFORMAL

SATURDAY, August 23.

Morning-----Breakfast Old Faithful Inn  
Drive to Canyon Hotel for lunch

Afternoon--View Yellowstone canyon  
Dinner and lodging Canyon Hotel with special  
dance and big entertainment program in  
evening. INFORMAL.

SUNDAY, August 24.

Morning-----Breakfast Canyon Hotel  
Drive via Dunraven pass to Mammoth Hot Springs.

Afternoon---Drive via Norris to Yellowstone Station  
Dinner at O.S.L. Cafe, Yellowstone station  
Leave Yellowstone 7:30 P.M. for Salt Lake,  
arriving Salt Lake 7:30 A.M. Monday.

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July 8, 1919.

Hon. John Franklin Fort, Treasurer,  
Governors Conference,  
Newark, N. J.

My dear Governor:-

I enclose herewith salary and expense voucher  
of Mr. Riley which has been approved by the three members of  
the Executive Committee. Will you please forward check for  
same to Mr. Riley?

With high regard, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
BATON ROUGE

July 5, 1919.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Governor Pleasant has approved, and directs  
that I forward to you salary and expense voucher of  
Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary of the Governor's Conference,  
for your approval.

Yours very truly,

*O'Meara*

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Secretary to the Governor.



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June 30, 1919

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Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Will you please let me know for Governor Bamberger how many you will have in your party to the Salt Lake Conference? I am asking this information of all of the Governors in letters sent out today. Governor Bamberger evidently is making some elaborate arrangements for program supplementary to the business program.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. F. F.

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June 28, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am delighted with your acceptance of the request to prepare a paper on the subject "State Budget". This paper will, I am sure, be the most illuminating and interesting one to be presented at Salt Lake City, and the fact that it is to be presented by you, I am positive will materially effect the attendance at and the general results of the Conference.

If it is possible and convenient for you to dictate your paper a couple weeks in advance of the meeting, I shall be glad to have it for the press, and if you think it advisable, for distribution among the Governors.

Thanking you again most cordially for your courtesies, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

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June 26, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith copy of a letter just received from Governor Bamberger. You will note that he is planning on only half-day business sessions for the Conference. This means that all of the work of the Conference will have to be done in one and one-half days, or to put it in another way, in three forenoons from 10 o'clock or perhaps a little earlier until 12 or 12:30. Under the constitution of the Conference the social program for any meeting is required to be approved by the executive committee. If the members of your committee feel that more time should be devoted to the business side of the program at this coming meeting, the matter should be taken up with Governor Bamberger at an early day before he has perfected all his plans. The tentative program approved by all of the members of your committee is too long for three forenoon sessions.

Will you please let me have your advice in this connection?

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

COPY.

My dear Mr. Riley:

I have your letter of June 7th and the copy of the letter sent by you to members of the Executive Committee in connection with the program for the Conference. The subjects which you mention seem to me to be particularly appropriate at this time. I should like to make the suggestion, however, that many of our western Governors at least, would be glad to hear from someone with experience concerning the operation of a state constabulary. It might be that this subject could be discussed in connection with National Guard plans.

Permit me to direct your attention, however, to the provision in the tentative program for the formal opening of the Conference at the Tabernacle on the evening of August 18th instead of the forenoon as intimated in your letter to the Executive Committee. The program as submitted for your consideration was intended to dispose of the formal exercises incident to the opening of the Conference on the first evening along with an entertainment feature in the nature of an organ recital. You will observe that the business sessions for the ensuing three days are to be confined to the forenoons. You possibly will recall that I offered the suggestion that the papers be prepared several weeks in advance so that they might be printed and distributed before the opening of the convention. My idea in this was to eliminate as much as possible the reading of the addresses during the conference. Such an arrangement, I believe, would save time and permit those interested in the subjects to go over the papers in advance carefully and be prepared for discussion when the subjects were presented.

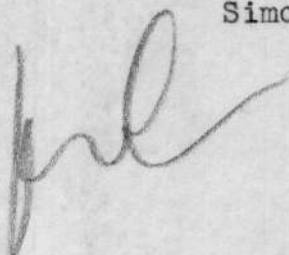
Just as soon as you work out the details of your part of the program I should like to have them so that I may be able to offer suggestions as to arrangement in conformity with the entertainment program which has been outlined.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Signed --

Simon Bamberger, Governor.



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June 18, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Some time ago I addressed to you a copy of a tentative business program for the Salt Lake City Conference. At the same time similar copies were sent to the other members of the executive committee. I have heard from Governors Pleasant and Allen who both approved the program submitted. I am inclosing herewith copies of their responses.

I have been wondering if you will read a paper to the Governors on the Executive Budget. Maryland, so far as I know, is the only State which has adopted this form and the Governors will be interested indeed to hear from you in this connection. In fact, this subject was placed on the program with the thought of the benefit that would follow to all of the Governors from a presentation of the same by you. I shall ask Governor Philipp to prepare a paper outlining the Wisconsin Budget system and the experiences of our State thereunder. I am anxious to have the papers promised as early as possible, and if possible, to have them prepared in advance, so that they may be sent around to the Governors prior to the meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

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COPY

June 13, 1919

My dear Mr. Riley:

Replying to your letter of the seventh instant, I wish to say that your tentative program seems to me to be a good one. I am glad to see that you intend to make the second day an open day for the discussion of all kinds of subjects. I believe that it is a good plan to have one day that is not filled with a set program so that members of the Conference may advance for the discussion of the governors present any and all kinds of subjects that might appeal to them.

-With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

Signed --

R. G. Pleasant.

COPY

June 11, 1919

My dear Mr. Riley:

I have read your letter of the 7th inst. and I believe the program outlined for the Governors' Conference is excellent and sufficiently comprehensive to give us an interesting and valuable session.

Yours sincerely,

Signed --

H. J. Allen.

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June 11, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Inclosed please find a summary of responses received today. As the figures now stand, there are ~~forty-one~~<sup>forty</sup> favorable responses, twelve unfavorable and five indefinite.

Very sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *M.C.R.*

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Mississippi. In reply to your letter I beg to say that the place and date for the Governors' Conference are perfectly agreeable to me. I trust that matters will so shape themselves that I will be able to attend and participate in this Conference.

Tennessee. My duties are such that it is hardly probable that I will be able to attend the Governors' Conference at S. L. C.

West Va. So far as I can see, the week of August 18th will be suitable in so far as I am concerned for the Governors' Conference. I hope to be present.



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June 7, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Responses from the Governors to date indicate that approximately one-half of perhaps a few more of the Governors will attend the next Conference at Salt Lake City, if held during the week commencing August 18th, as suggested by Governor Bamberger. Thirty-nine Governors have responded. Nine are yet to be heard from.

I am inclosing for your consideration and criticism an outline of a tentative program for the meeting. The morning of the first day, of course, will be given over to the formal address of welcome and the response thereto. For the afternoon of the first day, I have suggested two subjects, namely, "State Budget" and "Growth & Consolidation of Administrative Commissions." These two subjects pertain closely to the administrative side of government and are suggested for the following reasons:

State Budget -- This subject is becoming more and more definitely and aggressively before the people. As I recall it, either three or four books on this subject have been published within the last year. The New York Constitutional Convention and its recommendations to the people on this subject had a very interesting experience. Maryland adopted the executive budget four or five years ago, and a short time thereafter Governor Harrington presented a most illuminating paper to the Governors' Conference at Washington on the subject. Professor Goodnow of Columbia University also at the time spoke enthusiastically in favor of the executive budget. Wisconsin has a different kind of a budget system, that is, different from the executive budget, in that the board of public affairs, of which the Governor is chairman, after hearings and investigations, recommends a budget to the legislature, and the legislature by joint committee of the two houses, known as the "Joint Committee of Finance", after hearings and investigations makes the final recommendations to the legislative body. I understand that Indiana and West

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Virginia, among other states, are now on the threshold of attempting some kind of a budget system and therefore are, of course, deeply interested in this subject. The experiences of Md. and Wis. in this connection, it would seem, will be of vital interest and importance to all of the states.

Growth & Consolidation of Administrative Commissions--  
Administrative Commissions are becoming more and more numerous in most of the states. In several states attempts have been made, with a view of effecting economies and efficiencies generally, to consolidate some of these bodies. Governor Davis of Idaho, Governor Philipp of Wisconsin, and several other Governors have recommended and actually made progress along this line. This problem will become more and more acute as these commissions grow in number, and I feel a general discussion of the subject will prove both interesting and beneficial to the Governors, even though the subject will not be the source of keen interest to the press.

For the second day I am wondering if it would not be well to have an informal round table on "After the War Problems" focusing principally upon the remedies enacted by the 1919 Legislatures, 36 or 37 of which will have adjourned by the time the Conference opens. Sometimes I have wondered if this part of the tentative program smacks too freely of the academic, but at the same time, I have in mind the fact that these problems and probable legislative remedies were anticipated at the Annapolis Conference. My thought in suggesting this part of the program was to have a sort of a follow-up of the interesting matters that developed at Annapolis. The subject and plan of handling it opens up a broad field, and should, I think, develop with considerable success.

For the third and last day I have suggested: Expansion of the National Guard System as a Basis of National Defense." This subject will be of vital interest to all of the Governors as well as to the authorities in Washington who are now grappling with the problem of national defense and ways and means of developing an efficient system. Is there any question as to the appropriateness or advisability of this subject on the program in view of some of the anticipated features of the Peace Treaty and of the League of Nations' Covenant?"

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I shall be glad indeed to have your advice and directions in connection with the inclosed and the program generally.

Do you feel that the subjects suggested for the first and third days are of such importance and interest that Governors will agree to prepare formal papers on them? No papers will be required on the subject suggested for the second day, but, if the subject is approved by your committee, each Governor will be requested to prepare and present a brief resume of legislative acts as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley.*  
Secretary. *J. F.*

MCR F

First Day.

Morning:

Address of Welcome  
Response

Afternoon:

State Budget  
Growth and Consolidation of Administrative Commissions

Second Day.

Morning & Afternoon:

Round Table -- After the War Problems

Resume of Remedial Legislation Enacted by 1919  
Legislatures:

- (a) Education
- (b) Labor
- (c) Agriculture
- (d) General

Third Day.

Morning & Afternoon:

Expansion of the National Guard System as a Basis  
of National Defense.

June 20, 1919.

Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Riley:-

I am in receipt of yours of June 7th, and write to say that I fully approve the program which has been mapped out by you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Responses to request for information as to attendance at Governors' Conference. Total figures at bottom of this sheet.

California. I, personally, am unable to say definitely that I can attend the Governors' Conference and therefore think the individual wishes of others should be given greater consideration as to their decision for the best date. Of course, if I can come I shall be more than pleased to do so.

Oregon. I am sorry to learn that the Alaska trip could not be arranged for but am more than satisfied with the Salt Lake arrangement. I consider it an ideal place for this meeting and look forward with a great deal of pleasure to attendance thereat.

New Jersey. Letter from the Acting Governor. Other plans that I have already made for the month of August will absolutely preclude my making a trip to Salt Lake City.

North Carolina. August 18th to 24th will be a suitable date for me to hold the Governors' Conference, and I fully expect to attend.

Washington. I think the week commencing Monday, August 18th, is an admirable time for holding the Governors' Conference in Salt Lake City, as suggested in the letter of Governor Bamberger and referred to in your letter. Letter from Acting Governor.

Total Responses--- 35

Yes 19

No 11

Indefinite 5

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Responses--June 5, 1919

Maryland. It would be agreeable to me to attend the six days conference or stay referred to in Governor Bamberger's letter. It is a section of the country which I have never seen, and I am looking forward to this trip. I shall be very glad to hear from you as to what you think is the best time for the Conference.

Oklahoma. The week beginning August 18 will be very satisfactory for the Governors' Conference. I hope to be there if nothing unforeseen occurs.

Rhode Island. Governor Beeckman deeply regrets that it will be absolutely impossible for him to attend the Conference of Governors in Utah in August as he will be unable to leave the State at that time.

Total Responses -- 22 Yes. 11 No. 5 Indefinite. -- 38.

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

May 23, 1919

g/c

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing today's responses from Governors relative to the August Conference and also a summary of the total replies.

Sincerely yours,

M.C. Riley  
M.C.R.



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S/c

May 21st,

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,


Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am directed by Governor Pleasant to transmit to you the enclosed expense voucher of Mr. Miles C. Riley, Secretary of the Governor's Conference. The Governor has duly appended his autograph, and it is being forwarded to you with the request that, after it receives your approval, it be forwarded to Hon. J. Franklin Fort, Essex Building, Newark, New Jersey.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours respectfully,



Assistant Secretary to the Gov.

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Enclosure.

Iowa. The tentative dates announced by Governor Bamberger are agreeable to me and unless unforeseen circumstances should arise, I will be in attendance at the Governors' Conference in Salt Lake City.

New Mexico The date for the Conference is perfectly satisfactory to me, and if nothing unforeseen prevents me from being present, I shall have the pleasure of joining the other Governors in S.L. C.

Nevada. Governor Boyle will attend the Governors' Conference at Salt Lake City.

Texas. In reply to your question, I will say that although it is too early yet for me to be able to say whether I can attend the Conference this year, the date selected would be as suitable as any other I know of. Will you please convey my thanks to Governor Bamberger for his cordial invitation?

Vermont. I find that it will be impossible for me to attend the Conference in S. L. C.

Responses to date-- 30

Yes-----17

No----- 9

Indef.---- 4

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S/c

May 19, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

I am inclosing herewith responses from Governors relative to attendance at the 1919-20 Conference.

To date 25 responses have been received. Of these 14 seem to indicate that they will attend, 8 definitely state that they cannot attend, while 3 are yet unable to say definitely. The answers are coming in very slowly.

I shall be glad to have your advice and suggestions. ✓

Sincerely yours,

M. C. Riley  
Secretary. *MR*

MR F

Arizona. I know that the Governors' Conference at S. L. C. the week of August 18th will prove a very pleasant occasion. At present I see no reason that will prevent my being in attendance, and, therefore, you can consider this expression as an acceptance.

Florida. I have yours of recent date in which you ask me to be sure to attend the Governors' Conference at S. L. C. and I desire to state that it will be impossible for me to do so this year. I regret this very much.

Georgia. I am directed by the Governor to state that on account of the Legislature being in session at this time, it will be impossible for him to be present.

Idaho. I shall be most pleased to attend the meeting at S. L. C. and will see you there. The date suits me perfectly.

Illinois. Our State Fair will be held during the week set aside for the Governors' Conference. I cannot very well be away from Springfield during that time.

Missouri. I expect to take my vacation August 1st and it would suit me splendidly to attend the Governors' Conference around that time.

New Hampshire. I regret exceedingly to advise you that it will be impossible for me to attend the Conference, as I appreciate great benefit will be derived from the meeting.

New York. In spite of the pleasure it would give me to attend the Conference it will be absolutely impossible for me to be there.

South Carolina. The day suggested by Governor Bamberger for the Governors' Conference is satisfactory to me. As far as I am able to determine I shall attend at this time.

Total Answers Today-----9  
Yes-----4  
No-----5

Total answers-----25

Yes-----14

No----- 8

Indefinite----- 3

May 19, 1919.

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9/c

May 13, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Enclosed are copies of responses received to date with reference to attendance at the Governors Conference to be held at Salt Lake City next August. You will notice that out of the sixteen responses ten are favorable. It looks as if we may expect a good attendance.

Sincerely yours,  
*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. ~~J. H.~~



MCR 3

RESPONSES --May 13, 1919.

Alabama. The Legislature of Alabama will be in session during the week beginning August 18th and on that account it will be impossible for me to attend the conference. I regret this conflict very much indeed as I am sure the conference will be most enjoyable and profitable to all those who attend.

Arkansas. The date is absolutely satisfactory to me and if possible I should like to be with you. However, I cannot state definitely as yet whether I can be there or not. Ogden, Utah, was my former home and I shall be glad to avail myself of the opportunity to renew my acquaintance with Utah friends in addition to participating in the important deliberations of this Body.

Colorado. The date suggested, Monday August 18th, would be acceptable to me for this conference.

Delaware. So far as I know now, August 18th will be a suitable date for me to attend the Governors' Conference at Salt Lake City.

Indiana. Sorry to say that I cannot be present at the Conference at Salt Lake City.

Kansas. I see no objection to the week of August 18 for the Conference and will be very glad to be present at that time, although as yet I am uncertain as to whether I can take the additional three days necessary to visit Yellowstone National Park, much as I appreciate the kindness of Governor Bamberger in suggesting this enjoyable addenda to the Conference.

Louisiana. Either August or September will suit me in which to hold the Conference of Governors at Salt Lake City. I think that I shall be able to stay there six days. Anyhow we could have the three days' conference, and, if any of the Governors had to get back home, they could do so with interfering with the three day trip through Yellowstone Park to be taken by those who can remain over.

Maine. Governor Milliken is temporarily absent from this office in attendance on the caucus of the American Legion in St. Louis. I am quite sure that the week beginning August eighteenth would be satisfactory to him and I know that he is planning to attend the Governors' Conference in Salt Lake City, unless some unforeseen official duties should interfere.

Massachusetts. Governor Coolidge has asked me to reply to your communication and tell you that the time you suggest for the Conference is all right for him, although he cannot plan definitely at this time about going.

Montana. It will be perfectly satisfactory to me to attend the Conference on the week beginning August 18, as suggested by Governor Bamberger. Mrs. Stewart and I expect to be there.

Nebraska. The date mentioned in your letter of May six will be a satisfactory one to me for the holding of the Governors' Conference.

No. Dakota. Governor Frazier received your letter and owing to illness has asked me to write you that he will attend the Conference at S. L. C. August 18th if nothing unforeseen prevents.

Rhode Island. Governor Beeckman absent. Will advise immediately upon his return.

So. Dakota. The Governor's present plan is to spend the month of August outside of the state, and it is probable that he would not be able to attend a Conference called during that month.

West Va. I hope to be present at the meeting of Governors to be held at S. L. City August 18, 1919.

Wyoming. I feel certain that I can arrange to attend the Conference at S. L. for the week commencing Monday August 18th. In fact next to having the Conference in Wyoming, Salt Lake is about the most convenient place for me.

Total up to May 13, --

Yes  
10

no  
3

and  
3

STATE OF UTAH  
Executive Office  
SALT LAKE CITY

*My dear Governor, In reply to yours I will state I am desirous to come to attend the conference but I cannot say whether Mrs Harrington will come or not other than ahead. There will be however not less than three full ones. I am sure then you will be with great pleasure -*

May 8, 1919.

My dear Governor:

*Ever very truly  
yours*

*g/c*

I hope you will allow nothing to keep you away from the Governors' Conference to be held in Salt Lake City next August 18th to 24th. You are aware, of course, of the importance of the meeting this year, and of the many vital problems which we may help to solve, but I wish to suggest an additional motive for your attendance in the opportunity for a vacation for yourself and members of your family, which our program will offer. I am enclosing a tentative outline of the program in this regard.

The recreational features of the conference will all be of an informal nature, and I would suggest that in place of full dress you bring along some old clothes so that you may properly enjoy the outings in the mountains. In view of the Yellowstone Park trip it would be well to include in your wardrobe some wraps, for you will find the mountain climate very bracing at that season of the year.

I am sure you will derive genuine pleasure and benefit from your visit to Salt Lake City and Utah, and I shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to greeting you here. Every arrangement will be made for adequate accommodations for such members of your family as may accompany you.

May I ask that you let me know as early as convenient whether or not you will find it possible to be present and how many will be in your party?

With kind personal regard, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Simon T. Tauberg*  
Governor.

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.



May 17, 1919.

Hon. Simon Bamberger,  
Governor of Utah,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Governor:-

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant I will state that I am expecting to attend the Conference, but I cannot say whether Mrs. Harrington will come or not this far ahead. There will be, however, not less than three with me and not more than five. I am looking forward to it with great pleasure.

Very sincerely yours,

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*g/c*

April 26, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

About thirty days ago I forwarded to you for your approval my expense and salary voucher for the month of March. May I ask please if this was received by you? I am in no hurry for the money but feel that perhaps the voucher went astray as I have not had any returns from it.

Very truly yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *M. C. Riley*



MCR F

May 1, 1919.

Mr. H. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I beg to say that several weeks ago I sent to Governor Fort, after approving same, voucher for your expenses to Washington and your monthly salary. I presume it must have reached Governor Fort, as it has never been returned to this office.

Very sincerely yours,

9/c

TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

April 25, 1919

My dear Governor:

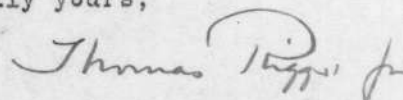
I have your letter of April 12 and find that my last letter to you has evidently crossed en route.

While I am very sorry that the conference cannot be held in Alaska this year, I recognize the difficulty of getting the necessary number of governors to come to Alaska while the country is so upset. Even as governor of a territory, I feel that it would be somewhat hazardous to be away for any great length of time until the national unrest straightens itself out to some extent. I trust, however, that before I go out of office, a meeting may take place in Alaska. You may rest assured that you and Mrs. Harrington would at all times be our honored guests. ✓

Our Legislature is in session at present, which keeps me very busy. I had a budget bill introduced, very similar to the Maryland law, but the temptation to trade was too strong and I fear that it will not be passed at this session.

With kind personal regards to both you and Mrs. Harrington,  
I am always,

Cordially yours,



Governor

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis

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9/c

April 21, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Bamberger:

I am inclosing herewith copy of a letter received yesterday from Governor Bamberger relative to the Conference of Governors to be held in his state.

He suggests a three day conference in Salt Lake City and then a three day's trip through Yellowstone Park.

Do you think it well to attempt a six day stay? Do you think that August is the best month in which to hold this conference?

I shall be glad to have your suggestions and directions. It is possible that we may experience some difficulty in securing a big attendance this year. This, of course, can be determined only by a poll of the Governors.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

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April 16, 1919

My dear Mr. Riley:

While I am sure that the trip to Alaska would have been very enjoyable, I am gratified nevertheless to know that the Governors' Conference this year will be held in Salt Lake City.

Pursuant to your suggestion I am setting aside the week of August 18th for the conference. As tentatively outlined now the program will provide for a formal opening of the conference at an evening session in the great Mormon Tabernacle, Monday August 18th. It is my intention if possible to arrange for a special organ recital on that evening and that the program will include only welcome addresses and responses.

The next three days I am hoping will include the business sessions of the conference and some side trips around Salt Lake City for the Governors and members of their families. At the close of the business sessions it is my plan at this time that the State of Utah should be host to the visitors on a three day tour of Yellowstone National Park.

I expect to meet with Governor Spry within the next day or two and form some definite outline of the proposed program. I am assuming that you and the members of the executive committee will arrange for the addresses to be delivered at the business sessions. Just as quickly as any definite information concerning our program here is available, I shall inform you.

Hoping to see you here in August, I am,

Signed

Simon Bamberger, Governor.

April 27, 1919.

Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, personally I would rather see the Conference held the last part of July than in August. It would be agreeable to me to attend the six days conference or stay referred to in Governor Bamberger's letter. It is a section of the country which I have never seen, and I am looking forward to this trip. I shall be very glad to hear from you as to what you think is the best time for the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

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g/c

Madison, Wis.,  
April 9, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington;  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am just in receipt of the following telegram from Governor Riggs in answer to mine a copy of which was sent you yesterday:

Disappointed of course but will try join Conference in Utah.

I am today writing Governor Bamberger asking him to suggest dates for a Conference at Salt Lake City, preferably sometime in August. Unless instructed to the contrary, as soon as Governor Bamberger suggests the dates I will write the different Governors with a view to ascertaining the probable attendance and generally to ascertain their desires in connection with this year's meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F



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9/c

Madison, Wis.,  
April 8, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have today cabled Governor Riggs as follows:

"Not to exceed eighteen Governors for trip. Executive Committee suggests Utah this year, Alaska next. Wire."

Just as soon as I hear from him I shall with pleasure advise you. Governor Riggs had very much set his heart on this trip this year, and I realize will be very reluctant to see it postponed.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

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Madison, Wis.,  
April 5, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

No responses from Governors relative to the Alaskan trip were received either yesterday or today. The responses received to date summarize as follows: 18 favorable; 6 indefinite; and 19 unfavorable. Five are yet to be heard from.

I fear it begins to look as though we will be unable to secure the attendance of one-half the Governors for this trip. It is barely possible, of course, that a majority of the Governors who have not responded will eventually respond favorably and that two or three of those whose responses have been indefinite may finally find it possible to go, thus making up the required one-half.

I am wondering if it would not be well for the executive committee to suggest to Governor Riggs that his invitation be held open for next year, in view of the present unsettled conditions. If you favor my making this suggestion, please wire me to that effect and I will forthwith cable Governor Riggs. He should be advised definitely at the earliest possible moment.

If the members of your committee conclude that unsettled conditions, the small attendance promised and perhaps other circumstances justify abandonment of the Alaskan trip, shall I take up with the Governors the matter of a Conference at Salt Lake City, after consulting Governor Bamberger of Utah with reference to the dates most convenient for him and his people?

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR R

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Annapolis, Md., April 7, 1919

To Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,

Street and No. Governors' Conference,

Place Madison, Wisconsin.

Advise taking up with Governor Riggs as you suggest the Conference meeting in Alaska next year, and according to replies can see no other way than to take up with the Governors meeting at Salt Lake City. I have writton Governor Riggs.

EMERSON C. HARRINGTON.

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR ANSWER

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Madison, Wis.,

Apr. 4, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing today's responses. There are still five responses due. As the figures now stand, there are 18 affirmatives, 19 negatives and 6 indefinites.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *F. F.*

MOR F

Responses April 3, 1919

Montana.           Affirmative

Referring to your letter of March 15, will say that it is still my intention to make the Alaska trip. Of course, no one can tell what will arise to interfere and prevent. However, I ~~willxxxxxxx~~ am hoping that Mrs. Stewart and I, with a couple of friends, may be able to make it.

New Mexico.       Affirmative.

Governor Larrizolo is going to try to make the trip to Alaska.

Nevada.           Affirmative

Replying to your letter of March 15th as I wrote you Jan. 25th, Mrs. Boyle and self will make Alaskan trip.

Wyoming.         Indefinite.

Re your letter practically impossible for me to state definitely at this time whether or not I can attend Governors Conference in Alaska. However, am in hearty accord with the plan.

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Madison, Wis.,  
April 2, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith responses received today from Governors relative to the Alaskan trip.

Up to yesterday 32 Governors had responded. Yesterday afternoon I wired the remaining 16 Governors asking them for information as definite as possible as to whether or not they would make the trip and how many they would have in their party. You will note that six messages have been received in response to the ones we sent out yesterday.

To date (April 2) 39 responses have been received. Of these 15 are favorable to the trip, 5 more or less indefinite and 19 unfavorable. There are but 9 more Governors to be heard from. We must get most of these and some of those whose responses are indefinite if we are to secure the requisite number for the trip.

I will advise you promptly of additional responses.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

Responses April 2, 1919.

Utah. Affirmative.

As the time for the next Conference of Governors is rapidly approaching I am a little anxious to know whether or not Salt Lake is to be given the opportunity of playing host next July. I am under the impression that you have had the matter up with the various Governors with a view to ascertaining whether or not enough of them would go to Alaska to warrant holding the meeting there. I had a letter a few days ago from Governor Riggs and in my reply I assured him that if you could get twenty-three others to make the trip, I should be very glad to make the twenty-fourth. If the majority decides to go to Alaska I certainly shall make every effort to be a member of the party.

Inasmuch as there appears to be some question as to whether the majority can spare the time to go to Alaska I should like some definite information at as early a date as possible, so that we may make preparations for the meeting in S. L. if it is so desired. Will you be good enough to let me have a reply as early as consistent?

Telegraphic responses April 2, 1919.

Arkansas Negative

Regret exceedingly I cannot take Alaskan trip with Governors. Pressure of official business keeps me at home.

Idaho. Affirmative.

It is my intention to go on the Alaska trip and probably take Mrs. Davis and three children as soon as your arrangements are completed please wire me.

Oregon. Affirmative

Mrs. Olcott and I will be pleased to be numbered among party comprising Alaskan trip. Personally would prefer longer of two schedules outlined. Delay an acknowledgment caused by death of Governor Withycombe whom I succeeded.

Ohio. Indefinite.

Hope to make Alaska trip but cannot definitely promise. Letter follows.

Pennsylvania. Negative.

Impossible for Governor of Pa. to make necessary arrangements for trip to Alaska next July.

Minnesota. Affirmative.

Mrs. Burnquist, my sister and myself will make Alaska trip if same is arranged for.

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*MCR*

Madison, Wis.,  
Mar. 31, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Today's responses are inclosed herewith.

To date figures stand as follows:

Replies-----32

Affirmative -- 11  
Negative -- 17  
Indefinite -- 4

I hope to hear from the remaining sixteen Governors  
within this week.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *M. C.*

MCR F



Responses. Mar. 31, 1919.

Kentucky. Negative.

Your favor of recent date has just been called to my attention. I deeply regret that at the time of holding this meeting of the Governors' Conference I will more than probably be discharging the duties of U. S. Senator, to which position I was elected at the last election. In the event I am not acting as Governor at that time your letter will be called to the attention of Gov. Black.

Maine. Affirmative.

Governor Milliken wishes me to say to you that it is now his intention to be one of the party of Governors who will make the trip to Alaska this coming summer.

Missouri Negative.

I am in receipt of your letter with regard to the Governors' Conference. At the present time I am not very hopeful of being able to attend the meeting in Alaska.

South Carolina. Negative.

I have your letter of March in regard to the Governors' Conference to be held in Alaska. I regret very much that my duties will not permit me to be absent from the office for the three or four weeks necessary to make this trip.

Tennessee. Negative.

In reply to your letter of recent date, it is with regret that I must decline to make the trip to Alaska. I would be delighted to do so, but find it will be ~~impx~~ impossible.

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Madison, Wis.,  
Mar. 27, 1919

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Inclosed are Governors' responses received since March 25th. To date twenty-seven responses have come in, of which ten are affirmative, thirteen negative and four indefinite replies with reference to the Alaska trip.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *J. J.*

MCR F

Responses from March 25th-27th.

1. Alabama. Negative.

In reply to your letter of Mar. 15th, I regret to say that it will be impossible for me to attend the Governors' Conference this year as our Legislature will be in session at the time of the meeting.

2. Arizona. Affirmative.

The plans in connection with the Governors' Conference sound good to me, and, therefore, you can count upon myself and Mrs. Campbell being in attendance. The ten day itinerary is the one I approve as "B" itinerary is more time than I can really spare from my official duties.

3. California. Negative.

While Governor Stephens would take great pleasure in attending the Governors' Conference in Alaska next summer it will not be possible on account of important matters here for him to take the trip. The prospect is a tempting one but duties are quite pressing.

4. North Dakota. Affirmative. (????)

It is rather hard for me to say definitely whether or not I can take the trip to Alaska. The legislature, which closed the first of March, lined up a great deal of work for me and it may not be possible to get away. I assure you that I would like very much to go and will if possible.

If I make the trip I would want to take my wife and family-consisting of five children. My Adjutant General and his wife would also like to make the trip.

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Madison, Wis.,  
Mar. 24, 1919

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Today's responses are inclosed herewith.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *M. C. Riley*

MCR F

Responses--Mar. 24th.

1. Florida. Negative.

I have your letter asking me if I can make the trip with the other Governors in July to Alaska to the Governors' Conference. I am sorry, indeed, but I will be so busy that it will be impossible for me to take the trip, however, I do not know that I could go if the Conference were to be held in one of the States.

2. Kansas. Kansas. Affirmative.

I will be very glad to have you enroll me for the Governors' Conference in connection with the trip to Alaska in July in case a majority of the Governors find that to be the most feasible plane for the Conference.

3. Vermont. Negative.

I am directed by Governor Clement to acknowledge your letter of Mar. 15th, and to say that he finds he cannot arrange his engagements to include attendance at the conference in Alaska this summer.

4. Washington. Indefinite.

Governor Lister had quite a serious physical break-down, and on the 12th of Feb. called me to take charge temporarily of this office. It is the desire of Governor Lister's physician that he rest for several months in order to regain his health.

If Governor Lister is able to be back on the job by the 10th of July, he will be able, with his wife and daughter, to take the Alaska trip with the other Governors. If, on account of his continued ill health, Governor Lister is not able to assume the duties of the office by that time, Mrs. Hart and our daughter will accompany me on the trip where it will be our pleasure to render to Governor Riggs and the party every possible assistance to make the trip a success.

5. Virginia. Negative.

I have your letter of Mar. 15th in regard to the next Governors' Conference. I regret that I shall not be able to go to Alaska as my official duties will not permit my absence from the city for so long a time.

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Madison, Wis.,  
Mar. 22, 1919

9/c

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Inclosed are copies of responses received yesterday and today to my inquiry as to whether or not the Governors are able to attend a Conference of Governors in Alaska.

Yours truly,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. *M.C.R.*

MCR F

Responses--Mar. 22, 1919.

1. Colorado. Indefinite.

I am in receipt of your communication of Mar. 15th in which you inclose the itinerary of the proposed trip of Governors to Alaska in July, as well as the invitation of the Hon. T. Riggs, Jr., Gov. of A. and in which you ask me to definitely state whether or not it will be possible for the undersigned to be a member of the party, permit me to state that at the present writing, which is more than three months in advance of the proposed trip, it is impossible for me to definitely answer your query. I will, however, keep the matter in mind and should it be possible to give you a definite answer at an early date, I shall be glad to do so.

2. Georgia. Negative.

The Governor is in receipt of your communication of the 15th inst. In reply, I am directed by the Governor to say that inasmuch as the Legislature will be in session at this time, it will be impossible for him to be present on this occasion; in fact, if the Conference is held at Salt Lake City, it will be impossible for the Governor to be with you. This the Governor genuinely regrets.

3. Illinois. Negative.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 15. It would be impossible for me to make the trip to Alaska, delightful as I know such trip will be.

4. New Jersey. Indefinite.

Replying to yours of the 15th inst., it is absolutely impossible for me to give you any definite answer as to whether I could go to Alaska or not in July. Nothing would give me greater pleasure, but it is very probable that I will not be Governor at that time. If I was Governor I think I would make every possible effort to make the trip as I have never been to Alaska and I would like to combine the two, but if the President calls the Senate in session before that time I will resign my office as Governor.

5. North Carolina. Negative.

It seems now that it will be impossible for me to Attend the Governors' Conference in the territory of Alaska this year. It would take me out of the State for about seven or eight weeks, and I find that it will be impossible for me to be away from my office for so great a period of time.

Deeply regretting my inability to go, and hoping that a sufficient number of Governors will indicate their intention to take the trip, I beg to remain,

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Madison, Wis.,  
Mar. 20, 1919

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Please find inclosed today's responses to my letter to the governors asking them whether or not their attendance may be counted on for the Alaskan trip.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary. J. J.

MCR F



Responses--March 20, 1919.

1. Louisiana. Negative.

Your letter of the 11th instant was promptly received at the office. I shall not be able to make the trip to Alaska, I am sure, and will therefore cast my vote in favor of Salt Lake City, Utah, as the place for the holding of the 1919 Conference.

2. Nebraska. Affirmative.

I still think that there is nothing to stand in the way of my attending the Governors' Conference as anticipated in your letter of Mar. 15th. I should like to know at the earliest convenient date what your final plans are so that I may make my plans accordingly.

3. New Hampshire. Negative. ???

I have your letter of the 15th inst. and regret that I am still unable to give you a definite answer in regard to the Alaska trip and probable will not be able to do so much before the 1st of April. If I ultimately find that I will be unable to make the trip, would you care to have me delegate some one to represent N. H. on the trip?

4. Massachusetts. Indefinite.

Governor Coolidge wishes me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Mar. 15th. He is not sure at this time whether or not he can make the trip, because the question of whether the Legislature will then be in session is a vital one. Perhaps a little later on he could tell you a little more definitely.

5. Mississippi. Affirmative.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. inclosing copy of one from Governor Riggs. It is my intention to attend the meeting in Alaska and I will be glad to be advised from time to time regarding it. It will be a great trip and I believe the Governors attending can "get together" and accomplish more than anywhere else the meeting could be held.

Oklahoma 6. Affirmative.

In answer to your favor of the 15th, beg to say that I vote "Yes" for Alaska. Although it may be possible that I shall not be permitted to attend, it is my present intention to do so. If I do go, I shall have a party of four, which includes myself.

Rhode Island 7. Negative.

I regret so much my inability to go to Alaska in July but unfortunately ~~inability~~ it is impossible to get away from the State at that time.

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Madison, Wis.,  
Mar. 19, 1919

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith a summary of the first six responses to my letter recently sent out with a view of ascertaining the number of Governors who will make the trip to Alaska, if it is to be arranged for. Four say they will go and two regret that they cannot go.

I will keep you fully advised as these responses come in.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley.*  
Secretary. *F. F.*

MCR F

Responses-----March 19, 1919.

1. Connecticut. Negative.

The trip sounds very attractive to me, but it would take at least three weeks to make it, and it is impossible for me to be away from the state that length of time.

2. Delaware. Affirmative.

I beg to say that I am making my arrangements to attend the Governors' Conference in Alaska, to leave Seattle July 10th. I cannot state at this time, whether I will take anyone with me or not. I will advise you about this in the near future.

3. Indiana. Affirmative.

I have your letter. The Alaska trip appeals to me very much and I think you can mark me down as one of the Governors who will go. There will be three in my party.

4. Iowa. Affirmative.

You can count on me for the trip to Alaska if it is decided that the Governors' Conference is to be held there the coming summer.

5. New York. Negative.

The Governor feels that it would be impossible for him to be away from New York for the month mentioned and will be unable to be one of the party making the trip.

6. West Virginia. Affirmative.

I feel sure that I can arrange to make the trip to Alaska in July. With me will be Mrs. Cornwell and one Secretary.

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9/10  
Madison, Wisconsin  
March 11, 1919

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am today writing the different governors with a view to ascertaining the probable attendance on the trip to Alaska if it is finally determined to hold the next Governors' Conference there.

You will recall that the secretary was directed by the governors in executive session to ascertain prior to April 1st, the number who would make the trip to Alaska.

I shall with pleasure transmit to you copies of the answers from the governors as they come in.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

March 11, 1919.

My dear Governor:

The time will shortly arrive when the governors will have to determine where the next conference of governors will be held. You will remember that at Annapolis, last December, it was decided to hold the conference for 1919 in Alaska, on the condition, however, that half of the governors are able to absent themselves from their duties for the two to three weeks necessary for the trip. I am very anxious that you arrange to join the conference, to be held in Alaska, and I am sure that you will not only enjoy the trip, but that you will have a better opportunity of discussing on board ship, in a frank and informal manner, the objects of the conference.

Won't you make up your mind right now that you are coming to Alaska?

The Governor of Washington and the various commercial bodies of his state will cooperate with me in making your visit one to be long remembered. The Secretary of the Navy will endeavor to place a ship at our disposal, or, failing this, there will be a ship anyhow for the free transportation of the governors and their families from Seattle and return.

I want you to see the Territory of Alaska. I want to show you our mines and fisheries. Alaska will be neutral ground to all; it belongs to all the people and I want you to take an interest in your own property.

The round-trip from Seattle to Alaska, including stops at many points of interest, can be made in from ten days to three weeks, depending upon the time you can spare. With the exception of two short stretches which are seldom rough, the route as far as Juneau, the capital, lies entirely in the "Inside Passage." There is little likelihood of sea-sickness and you will be able to spend most of your time on deck, viewing the magnificent scenery.

Please don't disappoint me.

Cordially yours,

*Thomas Ruggles*

Governor.

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

April 12, 1919.

Hon. Thomas Riggs, Jr.,  
Governor of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Governor:-

I have been waiting since the receipt of your letter of March 11th to see what would be the situation among the Governors as to the visit to Alaska. I had a conference with quite a number of the Governors at Washington not long since and after that conference I was convinced that during the coming Summer it might be difficult to get a majority of the Governors to come to Alaska, as the trip would take longer than they could be away, and I shared this feeling somewhat myself, but I was perfectly willing for them to decide upon Alaska if a majority of them could go. I now find it will be impossible for a majority of them to come, and the probability is that they have abandoned the trip to Alaska at this time.

Personally this has given me great regret, as I would love to visit Alaska, and especially while you are Governor. Knowing that we would have a Maryland man to receive us was a great inducement to me.

April 12, 1919.

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Mrs. Harrington joins me in greetings to you and Mrs. Riggs and in expressing regret that we shall not have the pleasure of coming to Alaska this summer.

With high regard, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

2/12/19  
February 12, 1919.

Hon. J. F. Fort, Treasurer,  
Governors Conference,  
Newark, N. J.

My dear Governor:-

Enclosed you will find the bill of the  
stenographer, duly approved.

Hoping you are in the best of health, I am,

Very sincerely yours,





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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
BATON ROUGE

February 8, 1919.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

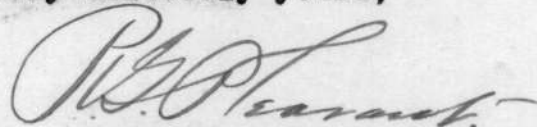
My dear Governor:

Enclosed I am sending you account of Leonard Weinberg for stenographic services, etc., during the Tenth Annual Conference of Governors at Annapolis. It has been approved by Secretary M. C. Riley and by Governor Allen and me. Mr. Riley requested me to forward it to you for your consideration.

I wish also to take this occasion to thank you and Mrs. Harrington again for your extreme kindness and many courtesies to me when I was in your beautiful and historic City.

With best wishes and personal regards to you both, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Governor.

February 12, 1919.

Hon. R. G. Pleasant, Governor,  
State of Louisiana,  
Baton Rouge, La.

My dear Governor:-

I am in receipt of yours of February 8th, enclosing the account of Leonard Weinberg for stenographic services which I have approved and forwarded to Governor Fort for payment.

We are now getting the preliminaries in shape for the next Conference. I will communicate with you at some early date.

Mrs. Harrington joins me in best wishes to you and Mrs. Pleasant.

Very sincerely yours,

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9/19/19

Madison, Wis.,  
Jan. 30, 1919

Mr. A. W. Lockard  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Lockard:

I am this morning in receipt of your letter with copy of Governor Harrington's address of welcome inclosed. This will be inserted in the official report.

With kindest personal regards to you and your good Governor, and trusting that I will see you at the next Conference when both of us may have more time to visit and become better acquainted, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

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*g/c*

Madison, Wis.,  
Jan. 29, 1919

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith for your information sort of a report or resume of Conference affairs; also, a copy of a letter recently received from Governor Riggs apropos of the proposed Alaskan trip.

The reporter's bill for services rendered in reporting the Conference has been forwarded to the other members of the executive committee for approval with the request that they forward the same to you for that purpose. Will you please approve this upon its arrival and then forward it to Treasurer Fort for payment.

I am sending you under separate cover some Governors' Conference stationery.

Will you please let me have your advice and directions with respect to the affairs of the Conference and especially with respect to the trip to Alaska, that is, with respect to my procedure designed to develop an attendance, etc.?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

*[Handwritten signature]*

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## MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This office is just in receipt of the reporter's transcription of his notes on the proceedings of the Conference at Annapolis. Two members of the President's Cabinet have asked for the privilege of scanning the transcription of their addresses prior to publication thereof. In compliance therewith that portion of the transcript containing their addresses has been forwarded to them.

Those parts of the transcript of the remarks by Governors, which are vague or possibly erroneous, I will forward to the Governors for correction prior to publication.

Fifteen states have each forwarded \$150.00 for the Conference since the Annapolis meeting. These are as follows:

Ariz.	Nev.
Conn.	No. Dak.
Ida.	Ohio
Ill.	So. Caro.
La.	Utah
Md.	Va.
Mass.	West Va.
	Wyo.

Checks are expected from at least fifteen more states.

The practice in past years has been to have 800 copies of the Annual Report printed and to distribute 3 volumes to each of the Governors, and of course, as many more as each requests. The remainder are kept for distribution to the different libraries and public institutions that call for them.

Signed

M. C. Riley.

COPY

Dear Mr. Riley:

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 26th suggesting that I outline in a more detailed way the proposed trip of the Governors to Alaska where I hope the next Conference may be held.

The Navy Dept. or the War Dept. will place a ship at the disposal of the Governors and their families. There will be no expense for transportation from Seattle, but there may be a small charge for meals. The present charge for meals on Government vessels is approximately \$1.00 per day per person. I propose however to ask the coming Alaska Legislature for a fund to cover the expenses of our visitors from the time they leave Seattle until the return.

The Conference of the Governors may well take place on board of the ship while en route.

(a) 10 days

1st day	leave	Seattle
3d "	arrive	Ketchikan
4th "	"	Juneau
5th "	"	Taku Glacier and Sitka
6th "	"	Skagway--side trip over White Pass
7th "	"	Petersburg or Wrangell
10th "	"	Seattle

(b)

1st day	leave	Seattle
3rd "	arrive	Ketchikan
4th "	"	Juneau
5th "	"	Muir Glacier
6th "	"	Cordova
7th "	"	Valdez
8th "M	"	Seward
9th "	"	Over Government Railroad to Coal Fields
11th "	leave	Juneau
14th "	arrive	Seattle

In the first suggested trip the route lies entirely on the "inside passage" lying back of islands practically all of the way for the 900 miles between Seattle and Juneau. The scenery is unsurpassed--mountains, glaciers, waterfalls on both sides of the travelled course.

In the second proposed trip which I sincerely trust the Governors may see fit to agree upon, there is a short trip in the open ocean from Icy Straits to Prince William Sound. At the proposed time of year the water is seldom rough. On this trip the Governors will have an opportunity of visiting the Great Copper River industries and going over the Government constructed and operated railroad from Seward to Anchorage and the Matanuska Coal Fields.

I suggest that the Governors leave Seattle on July 10th and even the Governors living on the Atlantic Coast can thus stay at home until after the 4th of July.

It is on a trip of this kind that the Governors can really get to know each other and have the opportunity of discussing under most favorable conditions those subjects for the discussion of which they are gathered together.

Alaska will be neutral soil. As a territory it belongs to and is governed by the Nation. What better place for the Governors to meet? What a wonderful trip for the families! While away the party will stay on board of the ship with short stops only at the various towns and camps.

It is quite possible that Secretary and Mrs. Lane will also take the trip, and Mrs. Riggs and I will join the party either at Seattle or Ketchikan.

We certainly must pull off this party somehow.

Cordially yours,

Thomas Riggs, Jr.

Governor of Alaska.

9/c  
January 26, 1919.

Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Riley:-

I am directed by the Governor to forward you herewith copy of his address of welcome to the Governors Conference, and to say that this is the way he wants it printed in the proceedings of the conference.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to the Governor.



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MILES C. RILEY  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

9/c  
Madison, December 30, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Lockard,  
Secretary to the Governor,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Lockard:

I am today in receipt of check and voucher No.  
2516 for \$150 for the Governors' Conference from  
your state. Thank you.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes  
to you and to Governor Harrington, I am

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*

MR.G

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.  
WASHINGTON.

G/c

December 20, 1918.

My dear Governor:

At the annual association of the Governors at Annapolis, this week, at which I had the honor to speak, I made an appeal to the Governors to recommend to their General Assemblies legislation that would secure united action in cooperation with the Federal Government in the war that has been organized against the menace of venereal diseases.

War has taught us that these diseases are worse than cancer; worse than tuberculosis, and worse than typhoid fever. This wastage of human life can soon be reduced and finally ended if the States and the Federal Government act together in making the letter and spirit of the Chamberlain-Kahn law effective. To do this each State will need to take such other action as would protect its civilian population as the Army and Navy have sought to protect the men under arms.

I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith an extract from my address at Annapolis in the hope that it will meet your approval, and you will feel it wise for you to urge this action along the line suggested upon the Legislature of your State at its coming session.

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. A. Daniel*

Hon. E. C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

P. S. If you think publication in your State newspaper of this extract from my address at Annapolis will help, I will be glad for you to furnish such extracts as you wish to the papers.

December 24, 1918.

Hon. Josephus Daniels,  
Secretary of the Navy,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th, with enclosure of extract from your address at Annapolis. I will see to it that this matter receives proper attention from the press of our State.

Very sincerely yours,

9/c  
Extracts from Address of Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, before Governor's Conference at Annapolis, Md.

Wednesday morning - December 18, 1918. - These have been days of great and serious responsibility for the national government and for the government of every state in our Union. And the responsibilities of today and of tomorrow are as pressing and as serious as were those of yesterday.

State and national cooperation have brought us many extraordinary successes in this war. If we can continue that cooperation whereby the states and the national government will work together, the peace that is now before us will continue into permanency the constructive achievements that have come with our efforts to solve the problems of this war.

It must not happen that we lose in these coming days of peace the great lessons that have been learned under the stress of war, and of all these lessons, one of the most impressive and far-reaching and the most precious, is the lesson that has taught us the serious importance of using our practical knowledge to stop the wastage of human health and human life - the loss of man power and woman power - that has disturbed us so little in the days of peace that preceded this war. There are here today governors from some of the seven states that have enacted laws during the last two years requiring physical education in their schools. There are other governors here whose states are making preparation for the enactment of such laws. Public spirited individuals, high minded organizations, wisely governed cities and states are vigorously concerned with various important phases of the great problem of conserving

human life. Our states and our nation must work together for its achievement.

The United States Government has cause to be proud of the success during this great war of its efforts to protect our armies against the great epidemics and the common diseases that have so heavily crippled the military forces of history. Typhoid fever, typhus fever, cholera and other scourges that have in the past destroyed more sailors and soldiers than have been killed by shot and shell, have in this war been of negligible importance in the American and allied armies. In the Spanish-American war seven American soldiers died of typhoid fever for one soldier that died of Spanish shell or bullet. If the same proportion had obtained in this great war our losses would have been appalling. The precautions taken in the Army and in the Navy for the protection of our boys has practically eliminated this disease and, thanks to the support of Congress, the same success has been made possible in relation to other of the old and better understood diseases of camp life.

One of the most significant of these protections that have guarded the health of our sailors and soldiers is that which we have achieved in relation to the venereal diseases. The medical corps of the Navy and the medical corps of the Army supported by wise congressional legislation have been able to reduce enormously the occurrences of these diseases, which under other conditions have been known to reduce by as much as thirty percent the fighting efficiency of an army.

I need not tell you the far-reaching and varied damages that come from these diseases. You know that they are universal.

that they are associated with sin and shame and crime; that they ruin the family and the home; that they are passed from the guilty to the innocent; that they make men sterile and unable to become fathers, and women sterile and unable to become mothers; that they destroy more young and unborn infants than any other cause; that they make more children blind than any other cause; that they place more men, women and children in asylums for the insane, idiotic and feeble minded than any other cause; that they cripple the brain, the nerves and the joints and deform and incapacitate men women and children mentally, morally and physically; and that they destroy individuals, ruin homes, demoralize communities and defeat armies.

Congress enacted a law last Summer which was concerned with the protection of our sailor and soldier sons - and daughter too! - from these diseases. This law, the Chamberlain-Kahn Bill, created the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board and directed that its membership should be composed of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy and representatives selected from the medical corps of the Army, the Navy and from the Public Health Service. I have the honor to be chairman of this board. This law carried with it an appropriation of over four million dollars and an obligation to distribute two million of this resource to your state boards of health by way of the United States Public Health Service for the prevention and treatment of venereal disease; one million dollars for the purpose of assisting the various states in caring for civilian persons whose detention, isolation, quarantine or commitment to institutions may be found necessary for the protection of the military and naval forces

of the United States against venereal diseases; \$200,000 for the establishment of a division of venereal disease which is to study and investigate the cause, treatment and prevention of venereal disease; cooperate with state boards of health for the prevention and control of such diseases within the States, and to control and prevent the spread of this disease in interstate traffic; \$200,000 to be paid universities, colleges or other suitable institutions in the States for the purpose of discovering more effective medical measures in the prevention and treatment of venereal disease, and the sum of \$600,000 to be paid to such institutions for the purpose of discovering and developing more effective educational measures in social and general hygiene.

The framers of this law and the members of Congress who voted for it were concerned with the establishment of agencies for the protection not only of soldiers and sailors in the time of war, but of men and women in the time of peace. We know that for every enlisted man who contracted venereal disease after reaching camp, five enlisted men became infected before reaching camp. The need for this farsighted legislation is obvious.

The Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board, because of the Act of Congress which created it, is concerned with the establishment and development of educational methods in hygiene that will teach our boys and our girls and our men and our women the facts and habits of hygiene that will save them from the disasters of these diseases of shame, protect them from the agents that injure health and carry disease, and give

them greater vigor, longer lives and larger happiness.

But the work of this Board will not succeed, nor will it become permanent unless this Act of Congress for the conservation of these precious national resources receives your cooperative support. This Board has devoted its energies to assisting states in their protection of these human resources, and will continue such assistance as long as it is active. But this service must necessarily receive your cordial and hearty cooperation if it is to bring the better health habits and better health conditions that are necessary to the increased national vitality which we ought by all means achieve. If your national government and your state governments will join in their health educational and health protective measures our children will learn the laws of hygiene, our communities will practice those laws, and our future will find this country saving its man power and its woman power with the care and the success that are deserved by these the most precious assets of a nation.

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**DISTRICT NATIONAL BANK,**  
**OF WASHINGTON,**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
December 16, 1918.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter which I have just mailed to the Governors now in session in your City. I also enclose a copy of the resolution as adopted by our Chamber of Commerce. The letter to the Governors, I think, explains the object I have in view, but it has been suggested to me that I call your personal attention to it with the request that you do what you can to have it properly and promptly considered at the gathering.

Thanking you in advance for whatever you may be able to do, I beg to remain, with much respect,

Very truly yours,

Chairman of the Local Chamber of Commerce  
Committee on Arch of Triumph.

RNH:S.

December 16, 1918.

Governors in Session,  
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:

I herewith enclose a preamble and resolution which has recently been unanimously adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of this City. As its object is of a just and worthy nature, unnecessary for criticism or explanation, I would like to have a similar resolution presented to your meeting and approved. The object is to pay honor not only to the Liberty of the World, brought about so largely by our men, but a National display of honor to the brave boys from each and every State of the Union.

I cannot see where any objection to the fullest expression of the favorable opinion towards it can be entertained by any one. I therefore hope that your approval will be sent us, as its influence will be almost inestimable.

I am sending the resolution to the Governors at their homes and also to the Chamber of Commerce of the largest cities of this Country as it is a National and not a local proposition.

Hoping that I may the pleasure of hearing from you favorably in the very near future, I am, with much respect,

Very truly yours,

Chairman of Local Chamber Commerce Committee  
on Arch of Triumph.

RNH:S.

WHEREAS, We have just emerged from a greater contest than the world's historian has ever hitherto recorded, and

WHEREAS, With our Allies, we have won a great war victory, the ultimate result of which will be to place liberty, democracy and republics where tyranny and empires formerly reigned, and

WHEREAS, Our Country is today the world's greatest republic of international influence, power, and increasing prestige among the nations of the world, and

WHEREAS, We have won what we fought for, not by compromise, but by a victory complete and untarnished, and

WHEREAS, Our boys who went "over the top" and all others who were prepared and waiting their summons have built an enduring place in the hearts and minds of the American people. (In the language of General Foch, "They have won the greatest world's battle and saved the most sacred cause-- the liberty of the world-- posterity reserves for them its recognition") and

WHEREAS, With these striking facts staring every true American squarely in the face, we cannot stand dumb with lethargy and a callous appreciation for what our boys have brought to the world; we must respond to the trumpet call of humanity as true red-blooded Americans, and erect an everlasting memorial to the sacred memory of liberty and our boys who worked, fought, and died that liberty might live.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington Chamber of Commerce in regular meeting assembled most earnestly urge upon the Congress of the United States to take immediate steps to erect in this City on one of our principal thoroughfares a marble or granite Arch of Triumph of appropriate historical design, in commemoration of the great world victory and American heroism, to tell in silent eloquence the whole story of liberty to all future generations, and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Chair appoint ten of its members to present this resolution to the proper committee in both houses of Congress, with whatever additional argument in their judgment might more fully and effectively present our purpose and aims.

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GOV HAR JINGTON

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ANNAPOLIS, MD,

MYSELF MRS SLEEPER AND DAUGHTER WILL BE IN ANNAPOLIS FOR  
CONVENTION AND WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION  
FOR MONDAY EVENING.

ALBERT E SLEEPER.

GOVERNOR OF MICH

707PM



STATE OF NEVADA  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
CARSON CITY

December 12, 1918.

9/2  
Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor,

I am only today in receipt of your letter of December 2nd, extending an invitation to be present at the conference of Governors, and in particular, inviting me to dine, together with the other Governors who may be present, with Mrs Harrington and yourself at the Executive Mansion.

It is my intention to be present at the meeting, and I may say, likewise, that I accept your gracious hospitality most gladly.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel D. Bayle*

At the Shoreham Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.



HUGH M. DORSEY  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

ATLANTA

December Twelfth,  
Nineteen-Eighteen.

9/c

My dear Governor:

I have delayed acknowledging receipt of your kind letter of the Second instant, because I have been unable to determine until today whether or not I could be present at the Conference of Governors on the Sixteenth. I am very glad to say that I shall be able to attend, and for Mrs. Dorsey and myself accept your kind invitation for December the Sixteenth.

Very truly yours,

*Hugh M. Dorsey*

G o v e r n o r .

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
G o v e r n o r ,  
Annapolis, Md.

9/4  
State of Ohio  
Executive Department  
Columbus

December 12, 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Executive Department,  
Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Governor Harrington:

I thank you very much for your letter, and your observations on the budget system.

On account of conditions here which made it necessary, I wrote Mr. Riley yesterday that I would be unable to attend the Governors' Conference next week.

There will be a shortage of about ten million dollars in the state's revenues this year because of the state's being voted dry. This is naturally a very serious situation, and must be worked out with the utmost care. At the last election, two initiated amendments to the constitution were adopted. There is some question as to whether they are, or are not in conflict, and a test suit will be filed to determine. Every day there are delegations and committees coming to Columbus, all trying to work out a proper solution to the revenue question in the state, and they necessitate my presence. It would be a neglect of duty if I were to leave here at this time.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am not to come to the conference, and also that I must decline your and Mrs. Harrington's kind invitation

to dinner, but I hope there will be another opportunity to be with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James H. [unclear]". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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SECRETARY  
MILES C. RILEY  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

*27/4*

Madison, Wis.,  
December 12, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, D. C.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Inclosed please find copies of two telegrams  
received by me today relative to the Governors'  
Conference.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*

Secretary.

MCR F

Alabama

It is my pleasure to inform you that it is my expectation to be at the Governors Conference, accompanied by Mrs. Henderson.

Charles Henderson, Governor.

Ohio

Conditions have arisen which make it impossible for Governor Cox to be away from here the ~~first~~ first of the week. He is writing you today.

Chas. E. Morris, Secy.



Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

December  
Eleventh  
Nineteen-eighteen

*g/c*

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Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:-

I shall attend the Governor's Conference held at Annapolis, and shall be glad to accept for Mrs. Davis and myself, your invitation to dinner, the hour of which you do not mention.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*W. Stewart Lewis*  
Governor of Virginia.



STATE OF FLORIDA  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
TALLAHASSEE

SIDNEY J. CATTS  
GOVERNOR  
J. S. BLITCH  
SECRETARY

Dec. 11, 1918.

Hon. E. C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:-

I have your letter of the 2nd, which I have delayed answering on account of the rush of business during the Session of the Legislature.

I certainly appreciate your invitation to attend the Governor's Conference at Annapolis but our regular meeting of the Pardon Board is on the 17th, 18th and 19th, and it would be impossible for me to get away.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

  
Governor.

C-D.

Governor Catts was called away from office before signing above letter dictated by him.

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9/c  
Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 11, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

So far as I can now see everything is set for the Conference. No messages from Governors or Governors-Elect were received today and I am proceeding upon the theory that no news (in view of the Influenza Epidemic) is good news.

Several of those who will attend have wired with reference to reservations. All definite information that came to me in this connection has been forwarded to the Manager of Carvel Hall.

I am in hopes that the Press Associations will be well represented at the Conference so that we may enjoy appropriate publicity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

P. S. Since dictating this letter, inclosed message has been received from Governor Bilbo. M. C. Riley.

MCR F

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Jackson, Miss.

COPY.

M. C. Riley.

Governor Bilbo finds it impossible to attend Governors Conference much to his regret. Business of urgent importance requires his presence here.

W. J. Buck, Private Secy.

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GOVERNOR OF MD

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ANNAPOLIS, MD.

WILL YOU PLEASE ARRANGE HOLD ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ME DURING GOVERNORS  
CONFERENCE ADVISE ME CARE OF JOHN F NUGENT WASHN DC

M ALEXANDER

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Baltimore, Md., December 11, 1918

Hon. Moses Alexander,  
c/o John F. Nugent,  
Washington, D. C.

Referring your telegram reservation made for you at Carvel Hall  
Annapolis.

EMERSON C. HARRINGTON

Governor

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HON EMERISON C HARRINGTON,

GOV OF MD, ANNAPOLIS, MD,

WILL YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO ARRANGE RESERVATIONS CARVEL HALL  
NIGHT OF THIRTEENTH THROUGH CONFERENCE AM LEAVING TODAY WITH WIFE  
AND DAUGHTER AND WILL BE JOINED AT CHICAGO BY SON  
FOUR IN PARTY BUT CAN GET ALONG WITH SUITE TWO  
ROOMS IF NECESSARY.

SIMON BAMBERGER

946PM

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 10, 1918

*MCR*

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose herewith today's messages.

One or two of the Western Governors seem to be very fearful of the Influenza Epidemic. Governor Gardner of Missouri and Governor-Elect Carey of Wyoming are apprehensive that the attendance will be affected. I have heard from no others in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

**Kansas**

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Conference at Annapolis which I am glad to accept.

Henry J. Allen, Governor-Elect.

**Massachusetts**

Governor McCall in Washington this week. Unable to be at Governors' Conference next week. He is sending Calvin Coolidge, Lieut. Governor, who is Governor-Elect. Information you have forwarded will be given Governor Coolidge aide who is Captin Joshia Hathaway.

Henry F. Long, Secy.

**Missouri**

Influenza much worse through this section. Doctors advise against travel. Do you think it safe to hold meeting under existing circumstances? Answer immediately.

F. D. Gardner.

**Nebraska**

Kindly make reservations at Carvel Hall for Mr. McElvie.

Phillip F. Bross.

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Annapolis, Md., Dec. 10, 1918. 191

To Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Have engaged stenographer to report proceedings of conference.

EMERSON C. HARRINGTON

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR ANSWER

SENDER'S TELE-  
PHONE NUMBER

9/10

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
BATON ROUGE

December 9th, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

Please accept my most sincere thanks for your kind invitation to dinner on Monday, the sixteenth instant. I shall be most pleased to be present.

With best wishes and highest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



RGP/d



HENRY W. KEYES  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
CONCORD

December 9, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland,

My dear Governor:

I am very sorry to be obliged to write you that following an attack of influenza I am interdicted by my physician from attending the conference of governors at your capital next week. I know it will be a most pleasant and profitable occasion and I regret sincerely my enforced absence, particularly from the dinner which Mrs. Harrington and you are giving on Monday evening.

Yours very truly,

*Henry W. Keyes*

Governor.

H.

9/c

THE NEBRASKA FARMER  
NEBRASKA'S REAL FARM PAPER  
LINCOLN

OFFICE OF  
S. R. MCKELVIE  
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December 9th, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C Harrington, Governor,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

I have your invitation of December 2nd, and am pleased to advise that I have arranged to be present upon the occasion which you mention.

I wish especially to thank you for the invitation which was extended on behalf of Mrs. Harrington and yourself.

Very cordially yours,

S R McKelvie

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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KANSAS  
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SOUTH CAROLINA

# GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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SECRETARY  
MILES C. RILEY  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

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Madison, Wis.  
Dec. 9, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith today's messages relative to attendance at the Conference.

To date the responses indicate that not less than 33 Governors and 11 Governors-Elect will attend.

The responses with respect to hotel reservations I mailed to the manager of Carvel Hall,-- the definite requests together with a list of Governors and Governors-Elect who have advised that they will be in attendance. Undoubtedly many of the Governors will write directly to Carvel Hall for their reservations. I expect to reach Annapolis Saturday evening and will go to Carvel Hall.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M C Riley*

Secretary.

MCR F



Nevada

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, and will gladly accept Governor Harrington's hospitality on December 16. I am alone, and will probably retain my quarters here in Washington.

Emmet D. Boyle, Nevada.

No. Carolina.

Will attend Conference at Annapolis. My wife will accompany me.

T. W. Bickett, Governor.

Wyoming

With sincere regrets I advise you that I am unable to attend Governors' Conference.

R. D. Carey, Governor-Elect.

Maine

Governor Milliken will be at the reception at Annapolis with one member of his Staff and possibly with Mrs. Milliken.

L. M. Hart, Private Secy.

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State of Illinois,  
Office of The Governor,  
Springfield.

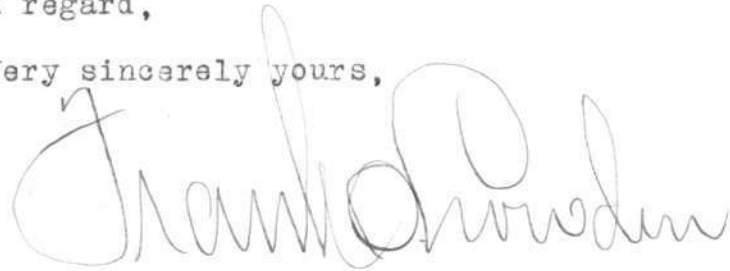
December 9, 1918

My dear Governor:

I am just in receipt of your letter of December 2. We are getting ready for our next legislative session, which meets early in January, and I have been obliged, therefore, to decline the invitation to the Governors' Conference. This was a hard thing to do anyway, and now your very courteous invitation increases my sense of loss because of my inability to come to Annapolis at this time.

With high regard,

Very sincerely yours,



Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Office of the Governor,  
Annapolis, Maryland

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THOS E. CAMPBELL  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

211 O'Neill Building

December 9, 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

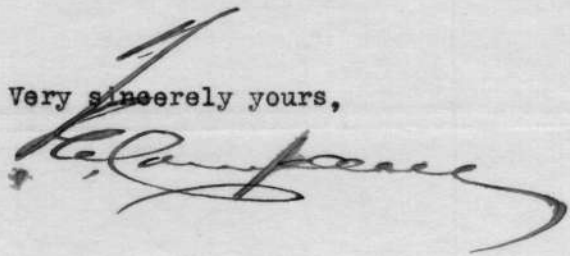
My dear Governor:-

Your very kind letter of December 2nd just at hand, and in response would say that I have made arrangements to leave here on the 12th of this month and be present at the Governors' conference the 16th, 17th and 18th.

I will be very pleased to accept the very kind invitation extended by you and Mrs. Harrington to be present at the dinner given at the executive mansion. Mrs. Campbell, I regret to say, will not accompany me.

Hoping soon to meet you in person,  
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,





GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

W. P. HOBBY, GOVERNOR  
JOHN D. MCCALL, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

*C/C*

December  
Seventh  
1918.

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:-

I appreciate your letter of December 2nd., inviting me to attend the Governors' Conference, December 16th, 17th, and 18th, instant.

I exceedingly regret that my physical condition, together with the duties now devolving upon me, will prevent my attendance, however, I heartily appreciate your generous invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. P. Hobby".

Governor of Texas.



Executive Office  
State House  
Phoenix, Arizona

GEO. W. P. HUNT  
GOVERNOR  
LOUIS W. LOWENTHAL  
SECRETARY

December 7, 1918.

My dear Governor Harrington:

I am in receipt of your very kind letter of December 2nd and am of course looking forward with much interest to the Conference of Governors to be held at Annapolis.

Other matters of great importance to my state necessitates my staying in Washington, at least for several days, so I will make my headquarters from December fourteenth at the Ebbitt House, Washington.

I shall be honored to attend the dinner given by Mrs. Harrington and yourself and only regret that it is impossible for Mrs. Hunt to accompany me upon my trip.

No one will be in my party except the members of my staff who will be located with me at the Ebbitt and are: Colonel Chas. W. Harris, Adjutant General of the State, Major Francis E. Shine, Medical Aide, and Captain Louis W. Lowenthal, Military Aide.

Anticipating with great interest my visit to Annapolis and looking forward to our personal meeting I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo W. P. Hunt*

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.



FREDERICK D. GARDNER,  
GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
CITY OF JEFFERSON

December 7, 1918.

Dear Governor, -

It gives me pleasure to  
accept for myself and Mrs. Gardner the  
cordial invitation of yourself and Mrs.  
Harrington to the dinner at the Executive  
Mansion on the 16th.

With regard and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Frederick D. Gardner*

To

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland,

JULIUS C. GUNTER  
GOVERNOR

FREDERICK D. ANDERSON  
SECRETARY

9/c  
**THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
DENVER

December 7, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
ANNAPOLIS, Maryland,

Dear Sir:

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Upon behalf of Governor Gunter  
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of December 2nd in which you  
express the hope that Governor Gunter may be  
able to attend the Conference at Annapolis,  
December 16th to 18th.

The same has been laid before  
the Governor and has had his attention and  
consideration, and he has directed me to  
convey to you his great appreciation of your  
cordial letter and to say that on account of  
the mass of business accumulating at the close  
of his term he will be obliged to deny himself  
the pleasure of attendance at Annapolis.

Respectfully yours,

*Frederick D. Anderson*

Secretary to the Governor.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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SECRETARY  
MILES C. RILEY  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis.,  
December 7, 1918

9/c  
  
Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of the official program for the Annapolis Conference.

Five members of the President's Cabinet will address the Conference on Monday afternoon. The members of the Executive Committee hope, therefore, that we may have a full attendance at both the Monday morning and Monday afternoon sessions.

Secretary Daniels is very generously arranging for a review of the cadets at Annapolis and for a river and bay trip for the members of the Conference on ships of the Atlantic Fleet. The definite time for these features will be announced at Annapolis.

Trusting that you will be able to arrive at Annapolis in time for the Monday sessions, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*

MCR F

Secretary.

*P.S. A similar letter with program was sent out to all governors and governors-elect today.*

*MCR*  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
RALEIGH

December 7th, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:-

I deeply regret that it will be impossible for me to attend the Governors' Conference at Annapolis on December 16th-18th.

Our General Assembly convenes the 8th of January, and I have so many matters on my desk that have to be attended to before then that it will be impossible for me to come to Annapolis.

With high regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*J. W. B. [Signature]*

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g/c

State of California  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

I have your letter of December  
2nd with invitation to dinner on Monday, December  
15th, at the Executive Mansion with you and Mrs.  
Harrington.

I regret very much that it is im-  
possible for me to attend the Governors' Conference  
this month, but the coming session of the Legislature  
makes it impossible for me to leave the State.

Thanking you for the invitation and  
trusting at some future time I may have the pleasure  
of meeting you personally, I am,

Yours very truly,

*W. S. Stephens*  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 7, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith copies of messages received today.

Will you please have your secretary announce through the press columns that the sessions of the Governors' Conference are open to the public. It is particularly desired that there be a good attendance on Monday afternoon when five members of the President's Cabinet will speak. Are there accommodations in the Senate Chamber for auditors?

I am wondering if your secretary can engage a high grade reporter for the meeting. He must be a good man. The Conference, of course, will pay him for his services. What is wanted, if possible, is a reporter who can turn out a transcription of his notes in the shortest possible time.

I am now planning on leaving Madison Thursday, December 12th and will arrive in Annapolis either Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. Should you desire, I can leave earlier.

I hope that hotel reservations will be made for the members and their parties. With this end in view, all of the definite information with respect to the members and their parties has been forwarded to you as received.

We sure have every indication of a great Conference.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

**Minnesota**

Governor Burnquist now on trip East. Expects to attend Conference at Annapolis.

H. E. Samelson, Executive Clerk.

**Montana**

Am arranging to be with you at Annapolis will have General Greenan with me please make reservation.

S. V. Stewart, Governor.

**Washington**

Reference your letter 30th am arranging to attend Annapolis Conference accompanied by Mrs. Lister. Will appreciate having you make reservation for us at Carvel Hall. Arriving Sunday evening December 15th. Reference your wire 5th will be pleased to make fifteen minute address to conference on subject "State Land Policy".

Ernest Lister, Governor.

S. V. STEWART.  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MONTANA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
HELENA

WILL AIKEN,  
SECRETARY  
PAUL RAFFERTY,  
CLERK

December 6th, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Your letter of December second has just been received. While it looked for a time as though I would not be able to get away to go to the Conference, I now expect to be with you. I am endeavoring to arrange my affairs accordingly, and think I will be successful. I am looking forward to the visit with much pleasure.

Mrs. Stewart will probably not be able to come, although she appreciates very much the invitation to dine with Mrs. Harrington and yourself on the sixteenth. I will be glad to avail myself of the opportunity.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*S. V. Stewart*

W. E. LINDSEY  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
SANTA FE

Dec. 6, 1918.

My dear Governor Harrington:

It is my expectation now to be present at the Governors' Conference, called to be held at Annapolis, Dec. 16, 17, 18 inst. However, it is expected now that Mrs. Lindsey will not be able to accompany me on this trip. I shall be very pleased to accept your invitation to attend the dinner to the visiting governors at the Executive Mansion in Annapolis, which you have been so kind as to extend to me.

With sincere regards,

Very truly yours,

*W. E. Lindsey*  
Governor.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

*O. A. Larrazola*

ATTORNEY AT LAW

LAS VEGAS, N. M.

Las Vegas, N.M. December 6th 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland,

My dear Governor:-

I have received your very kind letter of the 2nd inst., inviting me to attend the meeting of the Governors to be held in your city December 16th, 17th and 18th, and the banquet to be given by Mrs Harrington and yourself on the 16th.

I appreciate your kindly invitation very much and am pleased to say that I expect to be present at the meeting of the Governors and shall avail myself of your kindly hospitality to be one of your guests at the banquet.

I expect to arrive in Annapolis on the 15th inst., and while there I promise myself the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance.

With the assurances of my high personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*O. A. Larrazola*



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

Dec. 6, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Governor McCall wishes me to acknowledge receipt of your letter and to say that he has handed it to Lieutenant Governor and Governor-elect Calvin Coolidge, who will attend representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry F. Lang".

Secretary to the Governor.



STATE OF UTAH  
**Executive Office**  
SALT LAKE CITY

December 6, 1918.

97/c

My dear Governor:-

I am deeply indebted to you for your kind invitation to attend the Governors' Conference and the dinner at the Executive Mansion, December 16th. I am planning to attend the conference and it will be a great pleasure indeed to avail myself of the gracious hospitality of yourself and Mrs. Harrington. I will be accompanied to the conference by Mrs. Bamberger and our daughter, Miss Elsa.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Simon T. Hauberg*  
Governor.

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

State of Ohio  
Executive Department  
Columbus

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December 6, 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Executive Department,  
Annapolis, Maryland

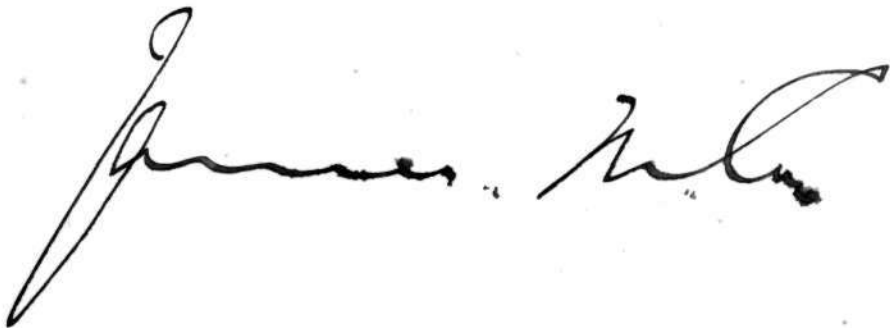
My dear Governor Harrington:

I am planning to attend the governors' conference, and hope that nothing will interfere with this pleasure. I shall be more than pleased to accept the proffered hospitality of yourself and Mrs. Harrington.

It has been on my mind for some time to write you about another matter: How long has your present budget plan been in operation? What saving was effected if any, the first year it was applied, and what changes has experience told you ought to be made.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



December 10, 1918.

Hon. James M. Cox,  
Governor of Ohio,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Governor:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and am very much pleased that you are going to attend the Governors Conference.

In reply to your questions regarding the budget, I will give you its history. The adoption of the budget was the principal issue in my campaign for Governor. I was elected at the November, 1915, election and became Governor on January 12, 1916, and at the session of 1916, which was in session at the time of my becoming Governor, we passed a Constitutional amendment providing for a budget. This amendment was ratified by the people at the election in 1916 by an overwhelming majority, and went into effect at the Legislature of 1918 for the appropriations for the fiscal years 1919 and 1920, our fiscal years dating from October 1st of each year. I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of our Budget Bill and a copy of our first Budget.

Under the budget system as we have it if there is a deficiency of any kind it will practically be the fault of the Governor, as it is difficult for the appropriations to exceed the budget which he provides.

December 10, 1918

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With us it is working finely, every institution and every department working upon a budget of expense.

The only criticism I have in Maryland is due to peculiar conditions which may not be applicable in any other State. This only refers, however, to some departments, such as our Penitentiary, House of Correction and one or two other institutions where they have an income from other sources in addition to the appropriation by the State. To remedy this I shall recommend the passage of a law requiring all of the revenues of any department to be paid into the State Treasury, and that their expenditures shall be only out of the budget appropriations. This, to my mind, will remedy the defects in our system.

The wild scramble for appropriations is avoided. The Governor can keep in touch with all of the departments, and all the departments are required to report to him. The only other addition which I would suggest would be certain provisions for assistance to the Governor in preparing the budget. We do not miss this so much in Maryland because we have an ample contingent fund and we can employ what assistance we need. In larger States like your own, however, I presume this would be an important matter.

I shall be very glad indeed to be of any service to you along any line.

Very sincerely yours,

STATE OF KANSAS

ARTHUR CAPPER, GOVERNOR

TOPEKA

December 6, 1918.

My dear Governor Harrington:--

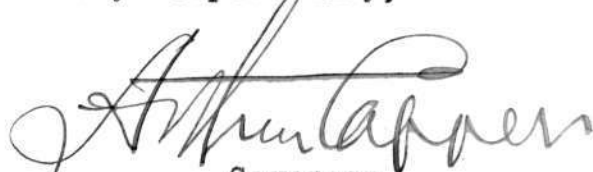
I very much appreciate the invitation conveyed in your letter of December 2.

I am making arrangements to attend the Conference at Annapolis. Will arrive on Monday December 16, and will be pleased to attend the dinner at the Executive Mansion Monday evening.

I regret to say that Mrs. Capper will be unable to accompany me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very respectfully,

  
Governor.

Hon. E. C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
BISMARCK

LYNN J. FRAZIER  
GOVERNOR

N. A. MASON  
SECRETARY

December 6, 1918.

Hon. Emmerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

Your letter at hand. I expect to  
be at Annapolis to attend the conference, and will be  
glad to accept the kind invitation of Mrs. Harrington  
and yourself for the Monday dinner.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn J. Frazier".

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((( State of South Carolina )))  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
Columbia

December 6, 1918.

Gov. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of the second. I had decided to attend the Governors' Conference, and I write to accept your invitation, as I feel that it will be of benefit to the Governors of the different states to meet and confer on the problems that now confront us by reason of changed conditions brought on by the war. My Private Secretary, Mr. Duncan, will be with me. Mrs. Manning had planned to accompany me, but now does not feel that she can undertake this trip.

With regards, I am

Yours verity truly,

*Arthur Manning*  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
State of South Dakota  
PIERRE

9/c

December  
Sixth  
1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My Dear Governor:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 2nd, relative to the Conference of Governors at Annapolis- on December 16th, 17th and 18th. I am indeed sorry that I will not be present and able to accept the hospitality of yourself and Mrs. Harrington, for a dinner on the evening of December Sixteenth.

I lately returned from the Hospital, where I was confined with an attack of Influenza- and, altho I have fully recovered from the sickness, I am still rather weak and the Doctor has absolutely forbidden me to accept any engagements for sometime.

I sincerely regret at not being able to be present at the Conference of Governors- but, at present it is simply out of the question. Will you please explain to the Governors the reason of my absence, and my sincere wishes for a successful conference?

Yours very truly,

*John Murbach*

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GOVERNOR.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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9/c  
Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 6, 1918.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of messages received today in answer to my telegram asking for the number each Governor and Governor-Elect will have in his party. Governor-Elect Alfred E. Smith of New York now definitely writes that it will be impossible for him to attend the Annapolis Conference.

The official programs are at the printer. You will be in receipt of one in the course of a few days.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary.

MCR F

Idaho

Will be alone in attendance Governors Conference Annapolis accompanied by lady at Reception.

D. W. Davis, Governor-Elect.

Missouri

Mrs Gardner will accompany Governor Gardner to the Conference.

(Miss) Sallie V. Baxter, Private Secy.

Rhode Island

Expect that I shall be alone at Annapolis during the Conference.

R. L. Beeckman, Governor.

Ohio

Governor Cox will Attend and discuss Workmans Compensation.

Chas E. Morris, Secy.

Minnesota

Regret that I am not in position at this time to comply with your request in telegram of December fifth.

J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

December 5, 1918.

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor:

I very greatly appreciate your kind letter of December 2nd and the hope you express that I may be able to attend the Governors' Conference which is to be held at Annapolis December 16, 17 and 18.

I regret sincerely that urgent official matters will make it quite impossible for me to leave the State during those days, and it is with renewed regret therefor that I am not able to be with the distinguished gentlemen at this Conference.

May I add my sincere thanks for the invitation which you and Mrs. Harrington extend to Mrs. Whitman and myself for your hospitality at that time?

With high regard, believe me,

Cordially yours,

*Charles B. Lawrence*



THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF  
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

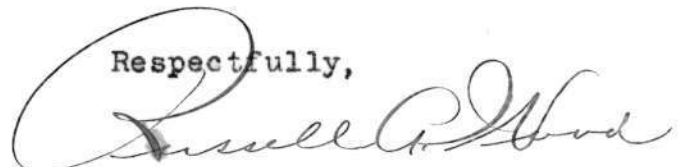
December 5, 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My Dear Governor, -

Lieutenant-Governor Coolidge requests that I convey his thanks for your invitation to the Governors' Conference and to state that he accepts with great pleasure. Mr. Coolidge will come to Annapolis so as to be present at the dinner tendered to the visiting Governors and their wives. Mrs Coolidge will be unable to accompany the Lieutenant-Governor on the trip. The Conference includes the dates of December 16 -17 -18. Mr. Coolidge sends his highest personal regards.

Respectfully,

  
Assistant-Secretary



W.L. HARDING, GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Iowa  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DES MOINES

December 5, 1918

Honorable Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

I intend to avail myself of the privilege of participating in the conference of Governors at Annapolis on December 16-17-18, and I trust that I will be afforded the pleasure of a personal chat with you on that occasion.

Unfortunately Mrs. Harding will be unable to accompany me, and I assure you she regrets this keenly.

With sincere personal regards,

I am,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W.L. Harding".



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
PROVIDENCE

December 5, 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Harrington:

I am only too glad to dine with you and Mrs. Harrington in the Executive Mansion on Monday evening, December 16th. I will be entirely alone as unfortunately my wife is too busy here to get away.

Thanking you so much for your invitation, believe me

Yours very truly,

  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
STATE OF ARKANSAS  
LITTLE ROCK  
CHARLES H. BROUGH  
GOVERNOR

HAMILTON MOSES,  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

ROY WOOD,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

December 5th., 1918.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland,

My dear Governor Harrington:-

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date and regret that I cannot state just at this time whether or not I will be able to attend the Governors' Conference.

We are now in the midst of a heated campaign for the adoption of a new constitution and I am scheduled for three speeches a day up to and including December 14th. Therefore, it will probably be impossible for me to be with you good people however much I would like to do so.

With the very best of wishes, I am,

Yours very cordially,

  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HONORABLE WILLIAM SPRY  
UTAH  
GOVERNOR ARTHUR CAPPER  
KANSAS  
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SOUTH CAROLINA

# GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

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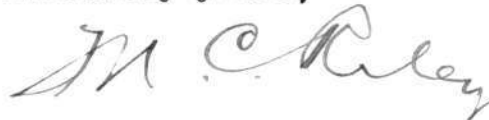
Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose copies of telegrams received today indicating the number each of the members who will attend the Annapolis Conference will have in his party; also copy of a letter received from the private secretary to Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania asking for special reservations for the same.

The official program will be printed tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

MCR F



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MADISON, WISCONSIN

COPY.

December 2nd, 1918.

Mr. M. C. Riley,  
Private Secretary to the Governor,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Riley:-

I have just wired you, which wire I  
now confirm as follows:-

"The Governor expects arrive Anna-  
polis evening of the 16th accompanied  
by Mrs. Brumbaugh and myself.

I understand from your letter of  
the 30th that you will have the necessary re-  
servations made at Carvel Hall, and want two bed  
rooms and bath with two single beds in one of  
the rooms. If I am in error on this point,  
kindly advise me at once.

Very truly yours,

M. Ball  
Private Secretary.

Arizona

There will be only one in my party. Will appreciate your courtesy in making hotel reservations for me.

Thos. E. Campbell, Governor-Elect.

Arizona

On account of other necessary business Governor will probably stop in Washington during the convention at Annapolis. He will be accompanied by adjutant general, his secretary and Medical Aide. No ladies in party.

Louis W. Lowrthal.

Delaware

There will be one other person and myself present on Monday evening December 16th.

John G. Townsend, Jr. Governor.

New Mexico

Colonel W. S. Hopwell and myself will constitute the New Mexico representation at the Annapolis Conference.

W. E. Lindsey, Governor.

Pennsylvania

The Governor expects arrive Annapolis evening of the 16th accompanied by Mrs. Brumbaugh and myself.

M. Ball, Private Secy.

South Carolina.

Please reserve accommodation for two to Annapolis.

Richard I. Manning, Governor.

Utah.

Your letters thirtieth. Will be accompanied to Conference by wife and daughter reaching Annapolis night of fifteenth or morning of 16th. Will you be good enough to make reservation suite two rooms at Carvel Hall?

Simon Bamberger, Governor.

West Virginia

Hope to attend the Conference and Governor Harrington's reception but will not be accompanied by anybody.

John J. Cornwell, Governor.

Wisconsin

Governor Philipp and his adjutant general will attend.

Washington

Secretary Baker Accepts And Will Speak On Dec. 16th.

John Franklin Fort.

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9/2  
Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 4, 1918

Governor Emmerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith copies of messages received today in answer to my message asking how many each Governor and Governor-Elect will have in his party at Annapolis. These responses are coming in slow but should all be in by the latter part of this week.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

Indiana

Replying to your letter of the 30th ult., there will be two of my party, Mrs. Goodrich and myself.

J. P. Goodrich, Governor.

New Hampshire

Will be present with wife on December sixteenth at Annapolis.

John H. Bartlett, Governor-Elect.

Louisiana

Will not be accompanied by anyone on trip to Annapolis.

R. G. Pleasant, Governor.

Wyoming

My adjutant general will probably accompany me to the Governors' Conference at Annapolis.

Frank L. Houx, Governor.

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA

December Four  
1918.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Governor Milliken is at present in Washington, convalescing from a recent severe illness. I have, however, communicated to him your very kind invitation to be present at the dinner to be given by yourself and Mrs. Harrington to the visiting Governors and their wives during the conference in Annapolis. I feel sure that Governor Milliken and Mrs. Milliken are planning to attend, but it is possible that he will communicate with you further from Washington.

Very respectfully yours,



Private Secretary.

To Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

**JOHN H. BARTLETT**

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,

Governor of Maryland.

My dear Governor:

My wife and I are pleased to accept your very kind invitation.

I am not inaugurated until Jan. 1st and this is, therefore, a very congested time for me, but I am particularly interested to attend this conference.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 4, 1918.

JHB/S.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Bartlett". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

State of Delaware



Executive Department

DOVER

December 4, 1918.

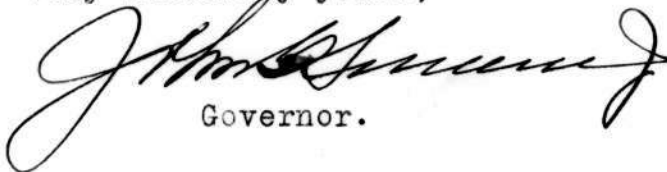
Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

I have your letter of December second, and agree with you that the conference of Governors' now that the war is closed will be of great help to us in preparing for the problems which must now arise.

I shall be pleased to be present with you at dinner on Monday the sixteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Governor.

JGT/H

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Executive Chamber  
HARRISBURG

December 4, 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

Governor Brumbaugh has received your letter of the second instant and has asked me to thank you for your courtesy.

His plans as at present arranged call for his presence at a meeting here in Harrisburg on the afternoon of Monday, December sixteenth, and he has therefore arranged to leave here immediately after the meeting, arriving in Baltimore at 6.10 p.m. and Annapolis at 7.24 p.m. unless there should be a delay on the train, in which case he would reach Annapolis at 7.54 pm.

We understood from Mr. Riley's letter that the reception that Mrs. Harrington and you are tendering the guests at the conference would be held at the Carvel Hotel, and Mrs. Brumbaugh and the Governor had therefore expected to go directly to the hotel. I do not find in the correspondence mention of the hour of either the dinner or the reception and am therefore wondering whether the Governor will reach Annapolis in time to be with you.

I am therefore writing Mr. Riley by this mail in order to clear the matter up and will be glad to advise you definitely as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

M. B. Ball

Private Secretary



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Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 3, 1918

Governor Emmerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith for your information copies of telegrams received today relative to the number each of the Governors and Governors-Elect will have in his party to Annapolis. I am inclosing also copies of a letter mailed this afternoon to the members of the executive committee.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

Madison, Wis.,  
Dec. 3, 1918

Governor Richard I. Manning,  
Columbia, South Carolina.

Dear Governor Manning:

I have the honor to supplement previous reports  
as follows:

Governor Cox of Ohio called me by phone today and  
advised that he is planning on attending the Conference  
and will prepare a paper, unless matters that may  
develop this evening will prevent. He will wire me  
tomorrow (Dec. 4th).

You will note from the inclosed copies of telegrams  
that Governor Bilbo of Miss., who previously advised that  
he would not attend, will attend; and that Governor-Elect  
Carey may be prevented from attending.

If Governor Cox agrees to prepare and to read a  
paper, we will have eight papers promised. In so far as  
these are all to be presented on one day, they should  
be sufficient. We will be glad to have couple more,  
of course.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Secretary.

MCR F

Arkansas

No one will accompany me to Annapolis much to my regret. Mrs. Robertson finds it impossible to go.

J. A. B. Robertson  
Governor-Elect of Okla.

Connecticut

Cannot be present Monday December 16th and perhaps not later.

M. H. Holcomb.  
Governor.

Kansas

Will arrive at Annapolis Monday Dec. 16th. Will be alone.

Arthur Capper  
Governor.

Missouri

Influenza seems to have broken out afresh over the country. Will not traveling on trains at present be rather risky?

Frederick D. Gardner.

Mississippi

I accept with pleasure Governor Harrington's invitation for the 16th. I will be alone.

Theo. G. Bilbo  
Governor.

North Dakota

Expect to be at Annapolis 16th alone. Will appreciate reservation.

Lynn J. Frazer.  
Governor.

Oklahoma

No one will accompany me, however, Robertson, Governor-Elect and wife will probably attend. He is at Arlington Hotel, Hotsprings Ark. now.

R. L. Williams  
Governor.

Pennsylvania

Governor expects arrive Annapolis evening of 16th accompanied by Mrs. Brumbaugh and myself.

W. H. Bell  
Private Secy.

South Carolina

Governor Manning has just received word his eldest son killed in France; but intends to proceed with plans for Governors' Conference. He is unable today to reach decision in regard to responding to Governor Harrington's welcome but will probable accept. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

Walter E. Duncan  
Private Secy.

Baltimore, Maryland

Shall be glad to deliver address of welcome. Have written each Governor and Governor-Elect urging his attendance.

Emerson C. Harrington.  
Governor.

Vermont

Will come to conference alone.

P. W. Clement.  
Governor.

Wyoming

Since I wrote you some matters have come up which may make it impossible for me to attend the conference although I still hope to be present at the meeting. If I am not able to attend I will advise you.

Robert D. Carey.  
Governor-Elect.

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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 30, 1918 191

To Mr. Miles G. Riley, Secretary,  
Street and No. Governors' Conference,  
Place Madison, Wisconsin.

For headquarters or accommodations address Carvel Hall, Annapolis,  
Maryland. Would like to know as early as possible which of the  
Governors wives will attend. Mrs. Harrington and I will tender  
Conference a reception Monday night.

EMERSON G. HARRINGTON

Governor

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR ANSWERSENDER'S TELE-  
PHONE NUMBER

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Madison, Wis.,  
Nov. 30, 1918

Governor Emmerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have your wire of November 30th.

Will advise the Governors that Carvel Hall will be the hotel headquarters for the governors at Annapolis. Will write all of the governors and governors-elect today asking for definite information as to the number each will have in his party and advise each of the reception to be tendered by you and Mrs. Harrington, Monday night, December 16th.

Will advise you at the earliest moment as to the number each member of the conference will have in his party, together with definite information as to the number who will be accompanied by their wives.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

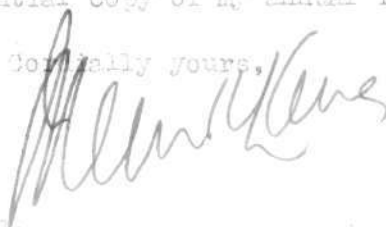
November 29, 1918.

My dear Governor:

On September 14th last I wrote you with respect to the proposition of providing farm homes for returning soldiers and sailors through a plan which involves cooperation of the State and the Federal Government. As the war has come to an end we must get immediate action if we are to do anything in this matter. The working out of the plan will involve legislation by both the State and the Federal Government. In order that you may have something definite before you to submit to your legislature, I have had drawn up a bill which I would be very glad if you would present to the legislature if it meets your approval. As suggested in the caption, minor changes may be necessary in order to meet constitutional requirements of your State, but generally I believe the measure is one which would permit of the necessary cooperation between the State and the United States in this undertaking.

I enclose a confidential copy of my annual report.

Cordially yours,



Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

DRAFT OF BILL PROPOSED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATES AND THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND HOMES FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, UNDER WHICH THE STATES SHALL FURNISH THE LANDS AND THE UNITED STATES THE FUNDS; WITH AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITION SO THAT THE STATES MAY PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN FURNISHING FUNDS AND ALSO IN SUPERVISING THE IMPROVEMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF THE LANDS.

An Act providing for cooperation with the United States in the settlement of returned soldiers, sailors, and marines, on State lands and lands acquired under this Act; creating a Soldier Settlement Board, defining its powers and duties, and making an appropriation therefor.

(Note--Certain features of this draft may need change in some States to comply with Constitutional requirements. References to irrigation, water rights and the appropriation of water and other similar matter should be stricken out where not applicable in any State.)

Sec. 1. This Act may be known and cited as "The Soldier Settlement Act".

Sec. 2. The object of this Act is, in recognition of military service, to provide employment and rural homes for soldiers, sailors, marines, and others who have served with the armed forces of the United States in the European war or other wars of the United States, including former American citizens who served in allied armies against the Central Powers and have been repatriated, and who have been honorably discharged, hereafter referred to generally as "soldiers"; and to accomplish such purpose by cooperation with the agen-



cies of the United States engaged in work of a similar character.

Sec. 3. Two alternative plans for such cooperation are embodied herein, one in section 7 and the other in section 8, all other sections in this Act contained being equally applicable to both such plans. In order to carry out the provisions hereof there is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Soldier Settlement Fund" by appropriation herein and hereafter made. For cooperation with the agencies of the United States there is hereby created a Soldier Settlement Board, hereafter referred to as the Board, composed of three members, one to be appointed by the Governor and designated as Soldier Settlement Commissioner and who shall serve as chairman of the Board, and shall receive a salary of \$5,000 per annum, the two others shall be the president of the State Agricultural College, and the State engineer, as ex-officio members. The Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years and until his successor has been appointed and shall have qualified. The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser of the Board and prosecute or defend any suits or actions arising out of the discharge of their official duties. The Board shall appoint a secretary and such other officers and employees as it deems necessary, shall fix their salaries, and provide for all necessary ex-

penses for carrying out the provisions of this Act. The Board may dismiss the secretary or any officer or employee for good cause. Two members shall constitute a quorum, which may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Board.

Sec. 4. The Board shall satisfy itself of the practicability of each undertaking proposed, utilizing all related State agencies, and thereupon shall cooperate with the authorities of the United States in the preparation of plans for settlement of soldiers. The Board is authorized to utilize public lands of the State and to acquire agricultural lands which may be deemed suitable for settlement, together with necessary water rights, rights of way, and other appurtenances. When deemed advisable in the discretion of the Board and the cooperating agencies of the United States any of said lands may be leased until it may be deemed advisable to sell or use the same. The Board may also set aside and dedicate to public use appropriate tracts for roads, school houses, churches or other public purposes. Any lands belonging to the State and deemed by the Board suitable for the purposes of this Act shall be available for disposition by the Board and the State Land Board shall cooper-

ate with the Board in every way necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act in regard to such lands. The Board is hereby authorized to perform all acts necessary to cooperate fully with the agencies of the United States engaged in work of similar character.

Sec. 5. Whenever the Board, in accordance with plans agreed upon with the authorities of the United States, desires to acquire land, it shall give notice by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the State calling for offers from owners of land of the character desired. Such notice shall be published once a week for 5 consecutive weeks, the last date of publication being not more than one week prior to the date of opening offers, and shall specify the matter which should be incorporated in such offers. After thorough investigation and report as to the character of the lands, rights and appurtenances, upon an examination by one or more members of the Board, together with a representative of the cooperating agency of the United States, and such experts of the

State Agricultural College and others as may be deemed advisable, and after approval by the Attorney General of the State of the title to lands and any water rights or other rights appurtenant thereto deemed essential by the Board, and after approval of the purchase by the authorities of the United States and arrangements made by the United States so that the Federal Government may undertake the reclamation of the lands if necessary and for improvement and subdivision of the lands, the Board may recommend the acquirement of the land to the Governor, and on the approval by the Governor, the lands deemed necessary for carrying out the plans agreed to with the United States, shall be acquired by purchase, gift, or condemnation. Payment if necessary shall be made out of funds provided by the State or by settlers under conditions fixed by agreement between the Board and the owners of said lands. The Board shall have the discretion to reject any or all offers, to accept offers which may not be the lowest and to readvertise from time to time as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 6. In cooperating with the agencies of the United States the Board is empowered to take title in the name of the State to lands in fee simple or in trust or under such other conditions as may be deemed advisable

for the purposes of this Act, and may convey title there-  
to or execute such liens as may be necessary for carrying out  
the plans decided upon in cooperation with the agencies of the  
United States. The title to the land furnished by the State  
shall be held by all purchasers under such conditions and  
restrictions as may be specified in the Federal statutes  
relating to this subject, or approved by the Secretary of the  
Interior.

Sec. 7. The basis of cooperation under the first alternative  
plan shall be that the State shall provide the land needed for  
settlement and the United States shall provide the money neces-  
sary to meet the expenses of reclamation and subdivision and the  
necessary improvements and equipment, perform the necessary  
work and have charge of all settlement work. The Board shall  
make appropriate arrangements with the agencies of the United  
States for repayment to the State of the cost of land furnished  
by the Board which may be utilized in providing homes for the  
soldier, and all moneys so received or otherwise received by  
the Board shall be turned into the Soldier Settlement Fund  
and be available for meeting the obligations of the Board on  
account of the land and for further expenditures in accordance  
with the provisions of this Act. The moneys so payable to the  
State shall be collected by Federal agencies, and the Board  
may contract with the United States to the end that where  
disbursements have been made by way of construction costs

for the reclamation and improvement of any given land, repayments to the United States on account thereof shall be divided between the Federal Government and the State Soldier Settlement Fund in proportion to the disbursements made by the Federal agencies and the Board, respectively.

Sec. 8. The basis for cooperation under the second alternative plan shall be that the Board shall make actual expenditures in an amount not less than 25 per cent of the total investment for reclamation as hereinafter defined, for actual payment for the land, for farm improvements as hereinafter defined, and for the purchase of farm implements, stock and other necessary equipment, any actual outlay of money for the lands to be used being computed as a part of such 25 per cent and the Board shall have the option under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior to control the preparation of the land as homes and the settlement thereof under such agreement as may be made with the United States and in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) After the necessary financial plans have been made, the Board shall proceed with such work, providing in the subdivision of the land for farms each having a value when unimproved as determined by the Board not exceeding \$15,000 and for farm-laborer allotments each having a value when unimproved as determined by the Board, not exceeding \$1,500; and the Board may make the necessary improvements or may contract with the settler to make such improvements upon each farm or farm allotment among others the following:

seeding, planting and fencing the land and causing dwelling houses and outbuildings to be erected, the construction of farm drains and laterals and the making of such other improvements as may be deemed necessary or proper to render the particular farm or allotment habitable and productive, the same being collectively hereinafter referred to as "farm improvements". The maximum expenditure for farm improvements upon any allotment shall be fixed as to each project by agreement between the Board and the agencies of the United States. The contract with the United States may provide for the construction by the Federal Government of works for drainage, irrigation, building levees, general sanitation and the subdivision of the lands and for the clearing of timber, as the nature of the individual project shall require and for the leveling of land when necessary and other work needed to render one or more groups of farms available for agriculture, which work is defined for the purposes hereof as "reclamation".

(b) The Board is authorized to secure from the United States the necessary funds to make loans to approved settlers for making permanent improvements and for the purchase of farm improvements, stock and other necessary equipment, which are defined for the purposes hereof as "short time loans", each to be secured by a mortgage or other effective lien on the land or upon property purchased with said loan; the total amount of each short time loan

shall not exceed \$3,000 for a farm or \$1,000 for a farm-laborer allotment. As funds are needed from the United States the proper agencies thereof shall be requested to advance the same. Such funds shall be used for no other purpose than as provided for by the Federal laws and the rules and regulations. Each employee of the Board handling such funds shall be required to give bond of an amount and with sureties satisfactory to the agencies of the United States having charge of soldier settlement work. Any interest which may accrue upon funds advanced by the United States shall be credited to the account of the United States. The Board is authorized to give to the agencies of the United States such assurances of repayment of moneys advanced by the United States by mortgages, liens or assignment of mortgages or liens or otherwise as may be required by the Federal laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(c) The Board is hereby authorized to take over from the Secretary of the Interior of the United States and to operate and maintain any irrigation, drainage or other works or improvements constructed for the benefit of soldiers by the U. S. Reclamation Service, and involving lands owned or controlled by the Board under this Act, and shall become responsible for the proper care thereof and provide



for the repayment of the cost thereof. The Board shall require of each purchaser of land the payment of proper and reasonable charges for the operation and maintenance and preservation of such works and shall also be authorized to make reasonable charges pursuant to general regulation for services rendered to the purchasers of lands and others.

(d) The Board shall collect from settlers the sums due for principal and interest on lands, reclamation costs, farm improvements and in payment of short time loans, and shall first repay all sums advanced by the United States for short time loans to settlers and thereafter the payments of settlers shall be divided between the State and the United States in proportion to the amounts due them, respectively, all amounts due the State being turned into the Soldier Settlement Fund, and be available to meet the Board's obligations.

(e) The lands disposed of under this Act shall be sold in accordance with plans prepared in cooperation with the agencies of the United States for soldier settlement, after public notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the State, once a week for five, consecutive weeks, the last date of publication being not more than one week prior to the date of sale setting forth in general terms the information

necessary for the public and providing for detailed statements to be available at the office of the Board and other convenient places which shall supply full information as to the farms and allotments and the several prices therefor. The manner of sale shall be such as to afford equal opportunity to all qualified soldiers desiring to purchase. The purchaser may be required to make application in a form approved by the Board stating among other things, whether he has available the minimum amount of capital deemed necessary by the Board, which shall be not less than 10 per cent of the improved and equipped value of the farm or allotment, and whether he can comply with the terms of payment and give such assurances in regard thereto as the Board may require. The Board shall have the discretion to reject any or all applications and to readvertise from time to time any or all tracts, as it deems necessary. Any land which may be purchased or otherwise acquired, not deemed necessary for the purposes of this Act, may be sold after public notice for the same period of advertisement as herein specified, upon such terms as the Board may prescribe.

(f) The soldier to be a qualified applicant must be a citizen of the United States and must satisfy the Board that he is not the holder of agricultural land or possessory rights which together with the land, improvements, and equipment to be purchased hereunder shall exceed a value of \$15,000. No purchaser shall hold more than one farm or allotment on which all

charges are not fully paid, and each purchaser shall satisfy the Board as to his fitness to cultivate and develop the same successfully, both financially and otherwise. The Board may in its discretion require applicants to appear before it in person.

(g) Each approved applicant shall enter into contract of purchase which, among other things, shall create a mortgage or other effective lien for the payment of the purchase price of the land, the reclamation costs and the farm improvements and other charges, if any, and also require the purchaser to actually occupy the land within six months and to actually reside thereon for at least 8 months in each calendar year for a period of at least 5 years, unless prevented by illness or other cause satisfactory to the Board; any other absence from the land exceeding four months in any calendar year shall be a breach of the contract. The contract shall provide for immediate payment of 2 per cent of the sale price of the land including reclamation costs and in addition not less than 10 per cent of the cost of the farm improvements. The balance of the amount for the land and reclamation costs shall be due as follows: 2 per cent each year for the first four years, and thereafter shall be due in annual payments to be fixed by the Board for a further period not exceeding 40 years so as to repay the capital sum with interest on deferred payments from the date of the contract at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. The title to the land shall not pass until

full payment for the land and the reclamation costs. The amount due on farm improvements shall be repaid in a period to be fixed by the Board not exceeding 20 years so as to return the capital sum with interest on deferred payments at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. The repayment of short time loans shall extend over a period to be fixed by the Board not exceeding 5 years payable in such amounts and at such times as may be determined by the Board. The purchaser shall have the right on any instalment date to pay any or all instalments thereafter due.

(h) The contract shall also provide that the purchaser shall cultivate the land in a manner to be approved by the Board and shall keep in good order all buildings, improvements, and equipment, reasonable wear and tear to be excepted. Each purchaser shall pay such assessments as may be levied by the Board to provide the equivalent of insurance to protect the interest of the State and the United States in all buildings, improvements, and equipment.

(i) The contract shall also provide that until all payments thereunder have been made no farm or allotment shall be transferred, assigned, or mortgaged in whole or in part without the written consent of the Board.

(j) The contract shall also provide that in case of failure of the settler to comply with any of the terms thereof the Board shall have the right at its option to cancel the contract

and shall thereupon be released from all obligations under the contract and the purchaser shall forfeit all rights under the contract. All payments theretofore made shall be deemed to be a rental paid for occupancy. The failure of the Board to exercise any option to cancel for default or violation of the contract shall not be deemed a waiver of such right but the same may be exercised thereafter. No forfeiture or cancellation shall in any way impair the lien and security of the mortgage or other lien securing the purchase price of the land and reclamation costs and farm improvements, or the repayment of loan. Upon forfeiture, cancellation, or relinquishment of a contract the Board shall have the right to sell any farm or allotment and appurtenances, improvements, and equipment to any other qualified purchaser.

(k) In case of the death of any purchaser before full payment the rights under the contract shall pass to his heirs or devisees who shall be bound by all the conditions thereof, but may surrender the same to the Board upon terms and conditions satisfactory to the Board.

Section 9. The Board may provide all necessary means for furnishing agricultural training for the soldier so as to render him better qualified for the cultivation of his land. The Board is authorized to arrange with the agencies of the Federal Government for sharing in the expense of such work under appropriate conditions of supervision by the Federal Government.

Section 10. In any case where works have been or are to be constructed which are of general benefit to an area involving

a number of farms or allotments as in the case of irrigation, drainage, clearing cut-over land or other means of reclamation or development, and where the cooperating federal agencies find that the interest of the project would be advanced by the organization of an Irrigation, Drainage, Conservancy, Improvement District or other public corporation, the Board shall take all necessary steps in its power to accomplish such organization. The Board is authorized to contract with such district or the United States or both to carry out any or all provisions of this Act.

Sec. 11. The power of eminent domain shall be exercised by the State at the request of the Board for the condemnation of property of any kind which may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and upon request of the Board the Attorney General shall promptly initiate and carry on the appropriate proceedings. The Board shall have full authority to appropriate water under the laws of the State as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the Act.

Sec. 12. Whenever the Secretary of the Interior and the Board shall find that all or any part of such lands remaining available will not be required for homes for soldiers they may be opened to disposition to other citizens of the United States subject to the provisions and limitations of this Act.

Sec. 13. In case of any undertaking for the reclamation

of lands in two or more states or any undertaking involving construction works in any State for the drainage, irrigation or reclamation of lands in whole or in part in another state, the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with similar boards of other states and the authorized agents and officers of the United States, and either the United States or the said board of such other state shall have authority to acquire by condemnation, purchase, or other lawful means such property, rights, or easements in this state as may be needed for such interstate undertaking, upon the same terms and in like manner as if such undertaking were wholly in this state.

Sec. 14. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be covered into the Soldier Settlement Fund. The State Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants upon such fund from time to time upon the requisition of the Board and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such warrants.

Sec. 15. The Board shall report annually to the Governor giving a full statement of its operations, shall also make investigations regarding the subjects with which it is authorized to deal, and make recommendations for legislation. The Board shall furnish copy of its report to the Secretary of the Interior.

Sec. 16. The Board is hereby authorized to perform

any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

Sec.17. If any part of this Act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Act, but shall be confined in its operation to the particular part thereof directly involved in the controversy wherein such judgment shall have been rendered.

Sec.18. All Acts or parts of Acts insofar as inconsistent with the terms of this Act are hereby repealed. The right to alter, amend or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Sec. 19. (Usual emergency clause.)

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Madison, Wis.,  
Nov. 29, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of a letter written today to the members of the executive committee.

In the past the practice has been for the governor in whose state the governors and governors-elect met to deliver the address of welcome. May I announce on the official program that you will so honor the coming Conference?

Just as soon as you have made definite arrangements with respect to a hotel or hotels for the governors, please let me know, so that I may advise those who are writing me with respect to hotel reservations.

I am wondering if you deem it advisable to drop each one of the governors and governors-elect a special note with respect to the conference. I am inclosing a list of the governors and governors-elect for use in this manner if you deem such procedure advisable.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Baltimore, Md., December 3, 1918

Mr. M. C. Riley, Secretary,  
Governors' Conference,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Shall be glad to deliver address of welcome. Have written each Governor and Governor-elect urging his attendance.

EMERSON C. HARRINGTON.

Madison, Wis.  
Nov. 29, 1918

Hon. Wm. Spry  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Governor Spry:

I have the honor to report progress as follows:

Four papers are already promised----one by Gov. Brumbaugh of Pa. on a State Educational Policy; one by Governor Harding of Iowa on a State Agricultural Policy; one by Governor-elect McElvie of Nebr., same subject; and one by Governor Boyle of Nev. on either a State Educational or a State Labor Policy. Ten or twelve to whom I sent telegrams requesting papers have not as yet responded.

Governor Harrington, our host, will, of course deliver the address of welcome. Governor Manning has been asked to honor the Conference by responding.

The responses relative to attendance now summarize as follows:

Favorable	38
Unfavorable	12
Doubtful	3
No Response	11

I shall be glad to have your advice and instructions.

Sincerely,

Secretary.

MCR F

GOVERNORS ELECT (NEW)

Ala.	✓ Thomas E. Kilby	Anniston
Ariz.	✓ Thomas E. Campbell	Phoenix
Colo.	✓ Oliver H. Shoup	Colorado Springs
Ida.	✓ D. W. Davis	American Falls
Kas.	Henry J. Allen = ( <i>In France</i> )	Wichita
Mass.	✓ Calvin Coolidge ( <i>Address State House Boston</i> )	Northampton
Neb.	✓ Samuel R. McElvie	Lincoln
N. H.	J. H. Bartlett	Portsmouth
N. M.	✓ O. O. Larrozo	Sante Fe
N.Y.	✓ Alfred E. Smith	New York City (City Hall)
Okla.	✓ J.B.A. Robertson	Oklahoma City
Penn.	Wm. C. Sproul	Chester
So. Car.	✓ R. A. Cooper	Laurens
Tenn.	A. H. Roberts	Livingston
Vermont	✓ Percival W. Clement	Rutland City
Wyo.	✓ Robert D. Carey	Carehurst

*those checked have sent in favorable responses.  
those not checked have not responded.*

LIST OF GOVERNORS

April, 1917

<u>STATE</u>	<u>GOVERNOR</u>	<u>CAPITOL</u>
Alabama	✓ Charles Henderson	Montgomery
Arizona	✓ George W.P. Hunt	Phoenix
Arkansas	no Charles H. Brough	Little Rock
California	no William D. Stephens	Sacramento
Colorado	no Julius C. Gunter	Denver
Connecticut	✓ Marcus H. Holcome	Hartford
Delaware	✓ John G. Townsend	Dover
Florida	no S. J. Catts	Tallahassee
Georgia	✓ Hugh W. Dorsey	Atlanta
Idaho	✓ Moses Alexander	Boise
Illinois	no Frank O. Lowden	Springfield
Indiana	✓ James P. Goodrich	Indianapolis
Iowa	✓ W. L. Harding	Des Moines
Kansas	✓ Arthur Capper	Topeka
Louisiana	✓✓ Ruffin G. Pleasant	Baton Rouge
Maine	✓ C. E. Milliken	Augusta
Maryland	✓ Emerson C. Harrington	Annapolis
Massachusetts	✓ Samuel W. McCall	Boston
Michigan	Albert E. Sleeper	Lansing
Minnesota	J.A.A. Burnquist	St. Paul
Mississippi	Theodore G. Bilbo	Jackson
Missouri	✓ Frederick D. Gardner	Jefferson City
Montana	no S.V. Stewart	Helena
Nebraska	no Keith Neville	Lincoln
Nevada	✓ Emmet D. Boyle	Carson City
New Hampshire	✓✓ Henry W. Keyes	Concord
New Jersey	✓✓ Walter E. Edge	Trenton
New Mexico	✓ W. E. Lindsey	Santa Fe
New York	no Charles S. Whitman	Albany
North Carolina	✓ Thomas W. Bickett	Raleigh
North Dakota	✓ Lynn J. Frazier	Bismarck
Ohio	James M. Cox	Columbus
Oklahoma	✓ R. L. Williams	Oklahoma City
Oregon	no James Withycombe	Salem
Pennsylvania	✓ Martin G. Brumbaugh	Harrisburg
Rhode Island	✓ R. L. Beeckman	Providence
So. Carolina	✓ Richard I. Manning	Columbia
So. Dakota	sick Peter Norbeck	Pierre
Tennessee	Thomas C. Rye	Nashville
Texas	no W. P. Hobby	Austin
Utah	✓ Simon Bamberger	Salt Lake City
Vermont	no Horace F. Graham	Montpelier
Virginia	✓ Westmore Land Davis	Richmond
Washington	✓ Ernest Lister	Olympia
West Virginia	✓ John J. Cornwell	Charleston
Wisconsin	Emanuel L. Philipp	Madison
Wyoming	✓ Frank L. Houx	Cheyenne

✓ = Favorable Response

no = Unfavorable "

no check or mark = no response.

✓✓ = Doubtful

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Madison, Wis.,  
Nov. 23, 1918.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I am inclosing herewith a general summary of the responses received to date relative to attendance at the Annapolis Conference.

But one message was received today. This is favorable and a copy is inclosed herewith.

Sincerely and cordially yours,



Secretary.

MCR F

New Mexico

Will be glad to attend Governors' Conference if possible.  
Please advise me definitely of time and place of meeting.

O. O. Larranzolo, Gov.-El.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

TOTAL FROM WHICH TO DRAW:

\* - Favorable Responses                      Governors        48 (Inc. those reelected)  
 \*\* - Unfavorable                                Govs.-El.        16 (New Governors)  
 \*\*\* - Doubtful                                    "  
 No mark - No Response

<u>Hold Overs</u>	<u>Re-elected</u>	<u>Gov.-elect (N. Govs)</u>	<u>Govs. whose terms expire</u>
*DEL.	Ark.	***ALA.	*ALA.
**FLA.	**CALIF.	*ARIZ.	*ARIZ.
*GA.	*CONN.	*COLO.	COLO.
**ILL.	*IA.	*IDA	*IDA.
*IND.	ME.	KAS. (In France)	*KAN.
KY.	MICH.	*MASS	*MASS.
LA.	MINN.	NEBR.	**NEBR.
*MD.	*NEV.	N. H.	***N. H.
MISS.	*N. DAK.	*N. MEX.	**N. Y.
*MO.	OHIO	***N. Y.	*N. MEX.
**MONT.	**ORE.	*OKLA.	*OKLA.
*N. J.	*R. I.	PA.	*PA.
*N. CAR.	SO. DAK.	*SO. CAR.	*SO. CAR.
*UTAH	**TEXAS	TENN.	TENN.
*VA.	WIS.	*VT.	**VT.
*WASH.		*WYO.	*WYO.
*W. VA.			

Totals.

Fav. 11	Fav. 5	Fav. 9	Fav. 10
Unfav. 3	Unfav. 3	Unfav. 0	Unfav. 3
No Res. 3	No Res. 7	No Res. 5	Dtful. 1
		Doubtful 2	No Res. 2

GRAND TOTALS SATURDAY NOV. 25, 12:00 P. M.

Favorable                      35  
 Unfavorable                    9  
 Doubtful                        3  
 No Response                    16



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Madison, Wis.,  
Nov. 22, 1918.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose herewith for your information copies of the telegraphic responses received today relative to attendance at the conference.

There are still 18 governors and governors-elect to be heard from.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary.

MCR F

Alabama

Your letter 19. I hope to attend the conference but cannot make definite appointment.

Thomas E. Kilby, Gov.-Elect.

Arizona

Re telegram in full accord December conference and will attend.

Thos. E. Campbell, Gov.-Elect.

Arizona

Will make every effort to attend Governors' Conference.

Geo. W. P. Hunt, Gov.

Idaho

Will be very much pleased to attend Conference of Governors and Governors-Elect Annapolis, Md. Dec. 16.

D. W. Davis, Gov.-Elect.

Massachusetts

Hope my engagements will permit me to be present. Shall come if possible. Address State House, Boston.

Calvin Coolidge, Gov.-Elect.

New York

Will attend if it is possible to do so. Unable to decide at this time.

Alfred E. Smith, Gov.-Elect.

Pennsylvania

Governor Brumbaugh will endeavor be present Dec. 16 to 18 awaits details.

W. H. Ball, Private Secy.

(Virginia) Rhode Island

Think it highly probable I can be in Annapolis Dec. 16.

R. L. Beeckman, Gov.

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November 22, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington

Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor Harrington:

The poll of the Governors to ascertain the probable attendance at the conference at Annapolis is about completed. Since writing you last night two responses have been received, both of which are favorable, though somewhat indefinite. I expect today to receive instructions from the members of the Executive Committee to officially call the conference to be held at Annapolis, December 16-18.

Already I am receiving inquiries with respect to hotel reservations and other matters pertaining to the headquarters for the Governors and the places where the sessions of the conference will be held.

It has been the practice heretofore to have all of the Governors stop at the same hotel. As I recall it, there was an attempt to deviate from this precedent at Boston in 1915, but the attempt proved very unsatisfactory and resulted in an eleventh hour change. One of the features of the conference is to get the Governors together, so that they may become acquainted and discuss mutual problems.

Will you please advise me at your earliest convenience what hotel has been selected as headquarters for the Governors and where the sessions of the conference will be held? These latter, I take it, will be held in the Capitol Building.

Upon receipt of this information from you I will write or wire the Governors asking each to advise me definitely of the number he will have in his party. In this way we can make definite arrangements for the reservations, etc.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

  
Secretary

MCR.C

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis.,  
Nov. 21, 1918

Governor Emmerson C. Harrington,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Harrington:

I have the honor to inclose herewith for your information a summarized copy of the responses sent in by the governors and governors-elect in answer to my messages relative to attending the conference of governors.

This summary, you will note, shows 38 responses, 28 of which are favorable, 9 unfavorable and 1 doubtful. There are 26 governors and governors-elect yet to be heard from. If the ratio of two-thirds favorable to one-third unfavorable continues, as we have every reason to believe, we may reasonably anticipate an attendance of from 40 to 45 governors and governors-elect. The dates fixed by the executive committee for the conference are December 16, 17 and 18.

Is it your desire that the governors' wives be specially invited?

Which hotel will be made the head-quarters for the governors?

I shall be glad to have your advice and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

*M. C. Riley*  
Secretary

MCR F

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM GOVERNORS AND GOVERNORS-ELECT

TOTAL FROM WHICH TO DRAW:

* - Favorable response	Governors	48 (Including those reelected)
** - Unfavorable "	Governors-elect	16 (New Governors)
*** - Doubtful "		64
No mark - No response		

<u>Hold overs</u>	<u>Re-elected</u>	<u>Govs.-elect (New Governors)</u>	<u>Govs. whose terms expire</u>
*Del. <i>OK</i>	Ark.	Ala.	*Ala. <i>OK</i>
**Fla. <i>OK</i>	**Calif. <i>OK</i>	Ariz.	Ariz.
*Ga. <i>OK</i>	*Conn. <i>OK</i>	*Colo. <i>M</i>	Colo.
**Ill. <i>OK</i>	*Ia. <i>OK</i>	Ida.	*Ida. <i>OK</i>
*Ind. <i>OK</i>	Me.	Kas. (In France)	*Kas. <i>OK</i>
Ky.	Mich.	Mass.	*Mass. <i>OK</i>
La.	Minn.	Neb.	**Neb.
*Md. <i>OK</i>	*Nev. <i>OK</i>	N.H.	***N.H. <i>OK</i>
Miss.	**N.Dak.	N.M.	*N.M. <i>OK</i>
*Mo. <i>OK</i>	Ohio	N.Y.	**N.Y. <i>OK</i>
**Mont. <i>OK</i>	**Ore.	*Okla. <i>OK</i>	*Okla. <i>OK</i>
*N.J. <i>OK</i>	R.I.	Penn.	Penn.
*N.Car. <i>OK</i>	So.Dak.	*So.Car. <i>OK</i>	*So.Car. <i>OK</i>
*Utah <i>OK</i>	**Texas	Tenn.	Tenn.
*Va. <i>OK</i>	Wis.	*Vt. <i>OK</i>	**Vt.
*Wash. <i>OK</i>		*Wyo. <i>OK</i>	*Wyo. <i>OK</i>
*W.Va. <i>OK</i>			

Totals

Fav.	11	Fav.	4	Fav.	5	Fav.	8
Unfav.	3	Unfav.	3	Unfav.	0	Unfav.	3
No.res.	3	No res	8	No res	11	Dtful	1
						No res	4

GRAND TOTALS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 1:00 P.M.

Favorable	28
Unfavorable	9
Doubtful	1
No response	26

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Madison, Wis.,  
November 22, 1918

Governor Emerson C. Harrington  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Harrington:

Thirty-seven governors and governors-elect approve the time and place suggested by the executive committee for the conference of governors and governors-elect to consider reconstruction policies and signify their intention to attend. Eighteen governors and governors elect are still to be heard from.

The members of the executive committee therefore direct me to officially announce that the conference will be held at Annapolis, Md., on December 16, 17, and 18, 1918.

Annapolis is but one hour's ride from Washington.

The first day's session will open Monday morning, Dec. 16, at 10:30 o'clock in the old senate chamber, State Capitol Building, where General Washington surrendered his commission to the Continental Congress at the close of the Revolutionary War and from which he retired to Mount Vernon.

The program will be confined principally to consideration of reconstruction policies, especially, (1) Labor, (2) Land, (3) Agricultural and (4) Educational Policies. The first afternoon will be set aside for learning, so far as possible, the national policies, and for an address by former Pres. Taft on "Wage Conditions after the War." The second day will be devoted to the presentation and consideration of state policies, and ways and means for coordinating national and state efforts. The third day will be devoted to general discussions of the policies and ideas presented on the two previous days. The subject to be considered and the time (just following the close of the war and next succeeding thirty-eight legislative sessions) should make this one of the most important conferences of its kind, at least, ever held.

I shall be pleased to forward further details in the course of a day or so.

With kindest personal regards, and anticipating the honor of meeting you at Annapolis, I am

Sincerely and cordially,

  
Secretary.

MCR F

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Executive Chamber  
HARRISBURG

October 17, 1918

Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Harrington:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the fifteenth and to say that I will ask the commissioner of motor vehicles, which in Pennsylvania is the Commissioner of Highways, to attend the conference in your office on October twenty-fourth. I regret that I cannot myself be present.

With best wishes for you in everything, believe me,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Woodrow Wilson".