

papers and magazines telling them the story on it. It was as a result of her work for the Department of Information, and more recently for the Department of Economic Development, that tourists began pouring in from all over the United States and foreign nations.

Without historians and their research work there would be very little written history. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our State Archivist, Dr. Morris Radoff, whose careful and detailed study of the Maryland State House has served to underscore the significance of this building both with respect to the history of our State and nation. May I introduce to the audience Dr. Morris Radoff, State Archivist. Of course there have been a great many other people who have labored on behalf of the State House and I would like to offer our thanks to them as well.

The designation of the State House as a registered national historic landmark by the Department of Interior was undoubtedly spurred by the labor of a few individuals who have been dedicated to bringing the significance of this building to public attention. Today, as Governor of this State, I am especially proud to accept the Bronze Plaque and Certificate of Designation from the Department of the Interior. We shall proudly erect the Plaque at an appropriate spot and display the Certificate where it can be seen by everyone.

A few moments ago I said that we Americans are on the move. We are traveling and sightseeing as never before. We are interested in historic sites such as our State House and Fort McHenry and landmarks like Annapolis, Antietam and Old St. Mary's City, to name but a few. Let us resolve here today, before the new year advances any further, that during 1964 we Marylanders will take positive measures to insure the protection, preservation and restoration of our historic sites. And, at the head of the list, let us put the State House and the area surrounding it. In making this resolution, let us be motivated by a deep sense of pride in our State's historic past and a desire to stimulate in Americans, both young and old, an understanding and appreciation of *Maryland's role in the history of our nation*. Apart from the moral value of our traditions, let us not neglect to underscore the fact that an historic preservation program also brings great economic rewards in terms of attracting new tourist dollars. It can enhance real estate values and contribute substantially to the appearance and charm of a community, thus making it a more prosperous, as well as a more pleasant place in which to live.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Historic