

1 achievement as free from interference by government or his
2 fellow citizens as the complexities of a modern society
3 can permit and allow, and we must draft a Constitution
4 which can meet these objectives, not only for us, but for
5 our children and our grandchildren and their children,
6 a Constitution which can survive as a meaningful,
7 operative document, even when subjected to the continuing
8 assaults of changing conditions and of problems and
9 situations which we cannot only not contemplate, but not
10 even dream of today, a Constitution which can provide an
11 effective government for our nearly 4 million citizens of
12 today, and also for our ten or more million citizens of
13 tomorrow.

14 As we set about this task, we must realize that
15 our separate existence as a sovereign State, a government
16 of and by and for the people of Maryland, is at stake.
17 We are not alone in this. The separate existence of every one
18 of our 50 States as viable and effective instruments of
19 local government is challenged. The course of events of
20 the past 100 years has caused a metamorphosis. We and
21 our sister States, so apprehensive and fearful in the last