

1 The United States Constitution just says that
2 the President shall be the commander-in-chief of the Army
3 and says the Congress shall have the power to raise an
4 Army and Navy and that's about all it says.

5 I don't see any reason we should get into the
6 detail in the Maryland Constitution in any greater degree
7 than it is done in the Federal Constitution.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

9 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: I rise in opposition to the
10 amendment. I think Delegate Fox pointed out well that the
11 Federal Constitution is very brief in this regard. How-
12 ever, I would suggest this is a dangerous precedent to
13 establish for adopting or rejecting a given proposal.

14 If we follow this pattern, we would make no
15 provision at all for our courts other than say the
16 General Assembly may from time to time provide for a court
17 system. We might carry this reasoning a step further into
18 the field of local government and say that the General
19 Assembly from time to time shall provide for local
20 government.

21 I suggest that the reasons advanced by Delegate