

1 And so, we, the citizens of what we proudly call
2 the great Free State of Maryland, have, along with our
3 fellow citizens of other States, become cringing, favor-
4 seeking vassals, fawning at the feet of Uncle Sam, grate-
5 ful for the few crumbs of our own money tossed to us. But
6 that great big, sprawling, bureaucratic colossus sitting
7 astride the Potomac is too big, too far removed from the
8 people, too impersonal to make more than uncertain, feeble,
9 ineffective and oftentimes inept attempts to solve these
10 problems which ought to be solved by state and local
11 governments.

12 The challenge is clear for us to see; it is
13 written in large bold letters on the walls of this historic
14 State House. We have almost complete freedom in drafting a
15 constitution to submit to our people. So long as it provides
16 for a republican form of government, so long as it does not
17 transgress the rights and liberties of the individual citi-
18 zen guaranteed and protected by the Constitution of the
19 United States, we, the people of the State of Maryland,
20 can have almost any kind of constitution we choose. Cer-
21 tainly a people with the genius for designing a craft