

1 of the State of Maryland, regardless of whether it be the
2 lowest court of our system hearing a traffic case or the
3 highest court of our State hearing argument on an intri-
4 cate question of law. If we do this, we will go a long way
5 towards inculcating in every citizen a deep and abiding
6 respect for the law.

7 We must also bring the government responsible
8 for supplying the everyday needs of the citizen -- police
9 protection, fire protection, schools, water, sewers,
10 garbage collection and similar needs, closer to the people,
11 and at the same time we must recognize that the needs for
12 these services transcends local and artificial geographic
13 boundaries, and that local government encompasses much more
14 than the municipal and county governments with which we
15 are familiar. We can do this by providing in the Constitu-
16 tion the means by which other local governments capable of
17 solving these problems can be formed and established and be
18 granted the necessary powers.

19 We must also not forget the individual and his
20 rights and liberties. Many say that a declaration of
21 rights in a state constitution is an anachronism, that