

1 retained as it is now composed, with an elected Comptroller,
2 and a Treasurer elected by the General Assembly.

3 We are perfectly willing that this be amended so
4 as to give the governor complete control by including in
5 the Board of Public Works a budget director appointed
6 by the Governor, and a Superintendent of Public Works
7 appointed by the Governor, which would always give the
8 Governor a majority on the Board. But we feel that for
9 the protection of the people of Maryland this Board
10 should be retained in the Constitution. A Board of Public
11 Works performs many duties. It has always been a check
12 on the Executive.

13 There is no good in locking the barn door after
14 the horse is stolen. What this does is keep an executive
15 honest, if he is inclined not to be so; and during the 100
16 years that we have lived under the present Constitution we
17 have never had any scandal in the Executive Department of
18 this State.

19 I feel that this is a critical hour in the
20 history of Maryland. This whole Convention, the leadership
21 of it, seems to feel that the electorate of Maryland