

1 the old path" -- which is a good way -- "and walk therein,
2 and ye shall find peace for your souls."

3 What is being proposed is to discard the old
4 path, which has given Maryland 100 years of good democratic
5 government, for a path which may be glittering, but which at
6 the end may bring the total destruction of democratic
7 government in this State, and bring corruption and despair
8 to the people of Maryland.

9 We are told by those who prepare the draft that
10 100 years ago when the Maryland Constitution was drafted
11 we were less than 100 years away from the Crown of England,
12 and the people wanted to reserve the right of franchise.

13 We may be 200 years today away from the Crown
14 of England, but all over the world today the lights of
15 democratic government are disappearing, and what the people
16 in America are afraid of is totalitarian government such as
17 existed in Nazi Germany or Soviet Russia.

18 The Constitutions of the various States in
19 this nation are the greatest bulkwark and strength of demo-
20 cratic government.

21 I ask this Convention to go slow in abolishing