

1 service for the cruiser Maryland in 1904. This service is
2 now on display here in the State House. These in turn were
3 exact reproductions taken from the original seal, made of
4 silver in England and sent to the province in 1648. I
5 understand this original seal is now on display in the
6 Hall of Records here in Annapolis.

7 In designing the mace we incorporated the seal, cast
8 in silver. I understand ours is the only State seal of
9 strictly heraldic character. This is supported in a
10 circle of silver, the circle being symbolic of continuity -
11 without beginning or ending. On the circle is inscribed
12 "State of Maryland, Constitutional Convention of 1967."
13 The handle and supporting base are of walnut.

14 And so, Mr. Eney, it is my privilege and pleasure
15 as a representative of Samuel Kirk & Son to present to you,
16 President of the Constitutional Convention of 1967, and the
17 Delegates here assembled, this Mace, a symbol of dignity
18 and collective authority of the Constitutional Convention
19 which represents the popular sovereignty of the people of
20 Maryland.

21 (Applause.)