

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

Lexington Street Building, Baltimore.

The Maryland Council of Defense was appointed by Governor Emerson C. Harrington under an Act of the extra session of the Maryland Legislature held in June, 1917. The Council was organized July 11, 1917. The membership of the Council consists of the old Preparedness and Survey Commission, which had been appointed informally by the Governor earlier in the year, with others named by the Governor to complete the required membership of fifty, of whom twenty-five are representatives of the counties of the State. General Carl R. Gray, Chairman of the old commission, was elected Chairman of the Council. He served until December 1, 1917, when he resigned and was succeeded by General Francis E. Waters. This Council acts through an Executive Committee, which consists of five citizens and the State Comptroller and the Treasurer, a total of seven, as follows: General Francis E. Waters, Chairman; Frank A. Furst and General Carl R. Gray, of Baltimore city; Hon. Stevenson A. Williams, of Harford county; Judge Hammond Urner, of Frederick county; Hon. John M. Dennis, State Treasurer and Hon. Hugh A. McMullen, State Comptroller. The Governor has the veto power on the appropriations of the Committee. He has attended many of its meetings and takes a deep interest in its work. Although not a member of the Committee, the Attorney-General, Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, has been present at most of the meetings, and has been of great assistance to the Committee.

The Executive Committee held its first meeting on July 11, and organized for action. Later it elected Lynn R. Meekins, Secretary, and Wm. O. Peirson, Treasurer, and rented offices in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

The membership is as follows:

Baltimore City:—Francis E. Waters, C. R. Gray, F. N. Hoen, Frank A. Furst, J. M. Dennis, Howard Bruce, James C. Legg, Charles M. Cohn, A. W. Thompson, W. H. Manns, Holden A. Evans, Charles E. Rieman, G. R. Sinnickson, Frank R. Kent, Joseph Y. Brattan, Stuart Olivier, W. H. Killian, Francis M. Jencks, B. H. Griswold, Jr., Redmond C. Stewart, Albert C. Ritchie, Henry M. Warfield, Dr. Gordon Wilson, Dr. Edward Bennett Mathews, Louis K. Gutman, Hammond Urner, Frederick; Stevenson A. Williams, Belair.

Allegany County	Daniel Annan, Sr., Cumberland
Anne Arundel County	Frank M. Duvall, Annapolis
Baltimore County	Charles J. Fox, Orangeville
Calvert County	Dr. Philip Briscoe, Mutual
Caroline County	Harvey L. Cooper, Denton
Carroll County	Dr. H. M. Fitzhugh, Westminster
Cecil County	Dr. Howard Bratton, Elkton
Charles County	Dr. L. C. Carrieco, Bryantown
Dorchester County	W. Laird Henry, Cambridge
Frederick County	J. H. Gambrill, Jr., Frederick
Garrett County	Gilmor S. Hamill, St. Oakland
Harford County	Thomas H. Robinson, Belair
Howard County	R. A. Johnson, Laurel
Kent County	Hope H. Barroll, Chestertown