

and F. Neale Parke, charged with the duty of making a complete survey of the entire subject, and of reporting their findings and recommendations to the next (now present) Governor of the State of Maryland, as soon as might be, after his inauguration, together with the draft of such Bills as might be necessary to make the same effective; and

WHEREAS, The said Commission having accepted this public trust, and in the discharge of its duties with singular fidelity and zeal, employed Harvey S. Chase, a certified public accountant and a member of the Efficiency and Economy Commission of the United States, and with his assistance, made a thorough and exhaustive investigation and examination of the legislative expenditures, financial system and administrative government of the State; and

WHEREAS, As a result of said investigation, the said Commission devised a plan for the reduction of legislative expenses, which was submitted to the Governor of the State and by him laid before the General Assembly and adopted by both Houses; and also formulated a budget system for the control and administration of the finances of the State, which was duly submitted to the Governor and by him laid before the General Assembly, which has or is now about to enact the same into law; and

WHEREAS, The efficiency engineer employed by the Commission reported his findings relative to the offices and boards of the State, which report was supplemented by hearings, to which were summoned the heads of the State Departments, and by personal investigations of State agencies, and thereafter the Commission transmitted to the Governor the report of the said efficiency engineer and its own several reports concerning conditions existing in the State, containing recommendations designed to promote economy and efficiency in the State Administration through the abolishing of useless offices and the consolidation of overlapping boards, with attending savings to the State Treasury, in order that laws might be enacted by this General Assembly to carry these recommendations into effect; and

WHEREAS, These reports and recommendations of the Commission created by the Democratic State Convention have been transmitted to the Governor and have not yet by him been laid before the General Assembly, whose duty it is to enact into law the recommendations in these reports in order to correct and prevent waste and the duplication of offices, to