

Church, I do not believe that the State should be required to purchase the land. I have discussed this project with those persons most interested in the preservation of the Church, and have agreed to a commitment of State funds to preserve the structure, but always with the understanding that the land would be donated to the State. Accordingly, it is my express intention, in taking this action, to treat the two appropriations as separate and distinct ones, and to approve the appropriation of \$25,000 for restoration and renovation, and to veto the appropriation of \$100,000 for acquisition of land. If, for any reason, the Item is held not to be so severable, then this action should be deemed as a veto of the entire Item (M) (1) (g).

(9) With respect to Item (M) (1) (j), this appropriates \$30,000 as a one-third State match to restore the Benson-Hammond House in Anne Arundel County. The appropriation is contingent upon an equal contribution by the County and of private funds.

This project was reviewed last year by the Maryland Historical Trust, which concluded that it was not of statewide historical interest and therefore did not warrant the use of Trust funds. The project has not been thoroughly reviewed by any other State agency, and no justification for the use of General Construction Loan funds has been shown.

(10) With respect to Item (M) (1) (l), this appropriates \$10,000 to restore and renovate the Severn Crossroads Concert Theatre in Anne Arundel County. Funds for this purpose have already been authorized by the Board of Public Works from its contingency fund, and this appropriation is therefore unnecessary.

(11) Finally, with respect to Item (M) (1) (m), this appropriates \$55,000, subject to certain contingencies, to place the Bollman Water-Main Bridge, formerly located on Lombard Street in Baltimore City, at the Dickeyville Mill. According to the Department of General Services, the necessary rights of way and maintenance agreements, which are conditions to the appropriation, have not been resolved. Moreover, the Department has advised me that the cost estimates for this project are insufficient, and that no commitments for any other funding have been received.

This project may be a worthwhile one, but I think that these matters should be resolved before committing funds to it.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor
