

The \$25,000 in this Item would be used merely to clear away underbrush and to seal the remaining walls. Until a decision can be reached as to whether the Mill has any historical value sufficient to justify its restoration, however, I do not believe that State funds should be used for this purpose.

(7) With respect to Item (M) (1) (f), this appropriates \$28,000 to construct a typical iron worker's dwelling and to repair a furnace stack at the Nassawango Iron Furnace in Worcester County. This is private property, and I am advised that the "typical iron worker's dwelling" to be constructed will be used as a caretaker's home. If the project has merit, it can be funded by donating the property to Worcester County and utilizing federal and Open Space funds. In its present posture, I do not think that State bond funds should be used.

(8) With respect to Item (M) (1) (g), this is to fund the acquisition of land and the restoration and renovation of the Mt. Moriah Church in Annapolis. The Item contains two separate appropriations - \$100,000 to acquire the land and \$25,000 for the restoration.

The land is owned by Anne Arundel County, and, although I have no objection to the State restoring the 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.