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BALTIMORE. April 26th, 1904.

Hon. Edwin Warfield,  
Governor of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Md.,

My dear Sir:-

Under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the session of 1901 and 1902, a commission of which I am a member, has through Mr. Keyser secured a bust in bronze of Admiral Schley. It has been ready for delivery some months, and it is to be placed in the annex to the State House. The unfinished condition of the building has prevented the erection of the bust on its pedestal. Will you give me some idea if you can, when the marble wainscoting and the flooring will be completed so that the spot on which the bust is to be erected can be determined upon, when Mr. Keyser can complete his contract, which requires him to erect the bust. I will consult you later as to the time and circumstances when the formal delivery of the bust to the civil authorities of the State will be most convenient.

Very truly yours,

*Randolph Barton*

April 27th, 1904.

Randolph Barton, Esq.,  
307 N. Calvert St.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant received. I will take up the matter to which you refer with the Building Commission tomorrow. Will communicate with you again in reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Governor of Maryland.

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BALTIMORE December 1st, 1904.

Hon. Edwin Warfield.,

Governor of Maryland.

My Dear Governor:-

Mr. Keyser the architect, who has made the Schley bust, called to see me a few days ago, fresh from Paris. I told him the cause of the delay, and recommended him to go down and see the property himself. He did this, and from both Mr. Pennington and the Superintendent of Works at Annapolis., he received rather gloomy predictions as to when it would be ready to receive the bust. The Act provides that the bust " shall be erected in some suitable place, in the State building of the City of Annapolis, to be determined by the Commission. Mr. Keyser says as follows:-

" Now as the floors of the lobbies of the old State House and Annex are on one level, and distance between probable locations in either lobby is not great, it would be a simple and inexpensive matter to change position. However, there seems to be no appropriation for moving; therefore to accomplish this and close my contract, I would be willing to bear the expense involved."

I venture to ask you, merely because you are living in Annapolis, and not because I feel that any of the trouble of carrying out the matter committed to our Commission, should fall upon you, will you not give us the benefit of your views on this subject. If you could refer this letter to some one in your office, and let him examine the condition of the Annex and report to you, we might thus ascertain the feasibility of complying with Mr. Keyser's suggestions. I am very anxious to perform what I undertook, both as a matter of moral obligation and then because I think Mr. Keyser is entitled

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to consideration, but I want to act and so does the Commission in  
strict harmony with your views.

Yours very truly,

*Randolph Barton*

December 3, 1904.

Mr. Randolph Barton,  
207 N. Calvert St.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

His Excellency, the Governor, requests me to say that your letter of the 1st, inst., in regard to the "Schley bust" has been received. He thinks it would be well to have the bust temporarily placed in the rotunda of the old building where it will be in safe custody. He will locate a place there in which to place the bust. After the annex is completed, it can be placed in permanent position. The Governor will be pleased to talk with you at any time at his office in Baltimore.

Yours truly,

Secretary of State.