

WHEREAS, to meet the needs as pointed out by the said officials, authority is required from the General Assembly, to permit the levying of additional taxation by the City of Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, an emergency exists which requires a special or extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland, and justifies and makes it the duty of the Governor of Maryland to convene forthwith the General Assembly in special or extraordinary session;

Now, therefore, I, HERBERT R. O'CONNOR, *Governor of Maryland*, by virtue of the authority conferred and duly imposed upon me by the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby call a special or extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland to consider and act upon the measures aforesaid; said special or extraordinary session to begin at 11 A. M., Monday, November fifth, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five, at the State Capitol, in the City of Annapolis, State of Maryland.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, this 29th day of October in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five.

HERBERT R. O'CONNOR, *Governor of Maryland*.

(The Great Seal of Maryland.)

WILLIAM J. McWILLIAMS,

Secretary of the State of Maryland.

Which was read.

Also,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, Md., November 5, 1945.

Honorable James J. Lindsay,
President of the Senate,
State House,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. President:

I take particular pleasure in addressing your Honorable Body through the medium of this communication in order to comment upon the reason for the call of the Special Session and, also, to report upon the condition of the State.

Repeated requests for the call of the Special Session were made by the Mayor of Baltimore City, later supported by the Board of Estimates of the municipality. In their request they described the fiscal condition of the City as grave and have asserted that it is