241 West Lanvale Street Baltimore 17 Maryland November 23,1951

Dear Mr Shipley:-

Miss Elderdice tells me that I am to send the talk on Westminster in the Gay Nineties to you. Here it is, more or less as it was given... though that is all in pages  $1_{\pi}29$ . The rest is added. Even then I have left much out.

Lawrence Reifsnider, Howell Billingslea, Robert Billingslea, Harry Bowersox, Leonard Eckenrode, Paul Shipley, Lee Davis, Will mathias, Dr. H. Billingslea, Dr. H M Fitzhugh, Dr. Chas. Foutz, Dr. Bachman.... a number of others... could have been brought in.... but then the talk would have run over an hour.

I have not looked over these pages for spelling and mistakes in typing. May I ask you to edit them before filing?

Later on I may send some more for the Appendix. There are one or two more stories... How one boy gave our horse a dose of medicine; how a big boy fired off my shotgun and felt sorry. The tale of the robbers' cave and howw we watched it night after night.... with what consequences. But they must wait. No time now.

Both Myy wife and I enjoyed our visit to Westminster and meetin g so many good friends.

Sincerely yours,

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