

majesty of the law, and the people of Maryland will not be wanting in any proper demonstration to the President of the United States. [Applause.] But, sir, this is not exactly the meaning of this occasion. It was intended to mean that and more than that. [Applause.] It was intended to convey to you and to the country the approbation of this Convention and of this State, for the measures adopted by your administration for the restoration of the Union. [Enthusiastic applause.]

These measures, inaugurated for that purpose, and to bind up the wounds of a bleeding country, were received throughout the State of Maryland with universal acceptance. It was the policy of a wise statesmanship. It was the promptings alike of patriotism and philanthropy. [Applause.] It is not pertinent to this occasion, nor does time serve to enter into any discussion of the merits of that question. History will record its facts—posterity will judge. But it is proper to say that it was welcome to the State of Maryland. It poured oil on the troubled waters of this State. It brought men together who had held life-long differences in political opinions. It bound up broken ties of former friendships, and made them firmer and faster. It made us one people, as you here find us of one mind and one heart. [Applause.] Mr. President, I will not detain you, after the exhausting tour you have gone through, with more remarks. It is sufficient that I should repeat to you the cordial welcome which you have here received. [Great applause.]

RESPONSE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Mr. President: In being presented here today, under these peculiar circumstances, and upon ground that, at an early period of our country's history was consecrated to freedom, I feel incapacitated to make acknowledgment in that language which would be most appropriate and grateful. But, notwithstanding I have been thus incapacitated, I cannot refrain from making an acknowledgment, in my crude and broken way, of the striking demonstration of kindness which has been manifested towards me. To visit the State of Maryland on this occasion, and especially the city of Annapolis, is peculiarly gratifying to me; and, among other reasons why it is so, is because the