

solute, or the machinery will not work smoothly. [Applause.]

Pardon me for trespassing thus long on this Convention. I repeat again to you, sir, your Executive, the chairman of this committee, and to the members of the Convention, my sincere thanks, my profound gratitude for the welcome you have extended to me on this occasion. [Prolonged applause.]

Loud calls were then made for Mr. Seward, who, though seeming reluctant to respond, finally yielded, and was introduced by Hon. Isaac D. Jones, chairman of the committee.

REMARKS OF SECRETARY SEWARD.

Mr. Seward said: People of Maryland, after the very impressive and touching speech which has been made to you by the chief, with whom I have co-operated and served in the administration of the government, I feel that it is uncalled for in me to open my lips here. He has called us back to those cardinal periods in the history of our country when the leader of the armies of the United States delivered up his sword to the convention, and when the nation gathered the results of the war of independence. Those were great events, and there went forth from the convention a summons which brought together that most marvelous body of statesmen, by whom a constitution was made for thirteen States, which Providence has destined to become an example for the world. [Applause.]

This is no time and no place for me to speak, but since your persevering kindness will call for an utterance from me what I have to say ought not to be upon the topics that have been discussed, but upon something which may have the germ of truth in it, although neither new nor original. But I will so far forget my reluctance as to say a few words in an entirely new character. We don't know or see ourselves as others see us. Many people in Maryland, many North and South, will be surprised when I say that, to my best recollection and knowledge, and appealing to the Almighty Judge, I have never before spoken in the character of a sectional statesman. I have spoken always with a view simply to the maintenance of this country as one whole country. [Applause.]