

formed their duty. Having received the President, the Secretary of State, and his suite, I have now the honor to present them to this Convention. Governor Swann will now formally introduce to the Body your distinguished guests.

Whereupon, the Governor proceeded to the introduction in the following words:

GOVERNOR SWANN'S REMARKS.

MR. PRESIDENT:

In accordance with the unanimous wish of this Convention, as expressed in your resolutions of the 20th instant, I have the honor to present to you his Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States. I have also the pleasure to present to you on this occasion the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, who accompanied him on his recent agreeable tour to the North. He has come, Mr. President, to accept the hospitality which has been so cordially extended to him by the State of Maryland.

Standing by the side of this great advocate of the people's rights, I am sure I will not be accused of falsehood when I claim for him the homage of a people whose ancestral relations comprise so large a portion of the history of this Government. Unawed by persecution, stripped of the powers, the essential powers conferred by the Constitution upon his high office, powers which he has conscientiously and honestly exercised for the benefit of the whole people, in the interest of patriotism, and not of party, almost within reach of accomplishing the great object of reconstruction, to which his efforts have been directed, he stands here to-day not the less honored because he has failed, from untoward interferences, to accomplish the great object of his mission and duty. The effort, (and I regret to say it in the face of this Convention and the face of the country,) the effort to transfer a whole section of our blessed country from the Anglo Saxon to the African race, to establish the negro in the Governmental control of a large section of our country, cannot be viewed without regret and alarm by the American people. The subordination of the civil to the military power has marked the progress to tyranny and despotism in all ages of the world. Republics, quite as powerful as our own, have fallen beneath the heavy weight of irresponsible military power. Is this to be the fate of this great Republic? I can only say, Mr. President, if such is to be the result, the responsibility is not with Andrew Johnson. The present condition of your country, your prostrate commerce, the foreshadowing of threats which have gone forth of red-handed agrarianism, has not resulted from any power conferred upon the President of the United States. Standing within these ancient