

walls, consecrated by so many of the proudest recollections of the past, we may enjoy the privilege here, in the State of Maryland, at least, while not forgetting our duties as Statesmen and Christian men, of doing honor to Andrew Johnson, for in this we renew our pledges to the Constitution which comes down to us from our fathers of the Revolution to which this distinguished man, this uncompromising advocate, and I may say, the friend of popular government throughout the world, has devoted his life.

Then allow me to present these distinguished men to the Convention.

REMARKS OF HON. R. B. CARMICHAEL.

Mr. Carmichael said: Welcome, Mr. President! Thrice welcome to the Capital of the State of Maryland! This greeting throbs in every heart of this Convention, and would have utterance from every lip if it were in the order of procedure. The resolutions which were communicated to you by the Governor received the unanimous vote of this Convention. You are thus assured that, in coming here, you are in the midst of your friends—friends of your policy and your person. In a well regulated Government a respect is paid to those who have the administration of the law that does not attach to their private persons. It is a homage which is paid to the majesty of the law, and the people of Maryland will not be wanting in any proper demonstration to the President of the United States. But, sir, this is not exactly the meaning of this occasion. It was intended to mean that and more than that. 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.

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. 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 here. 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. Mr. President, I will not detain you, after the exhausting tour you have gone through, with more