

REMARKS OF MR. JONES.

Mr. Jones said: Mr. President, I have the honor to report, on behalf of the committee who were charged with the very agreeable duty of meeting the President of the United States and his suite in the city of Baltimore, that the committee have performed their duty. Having received the President, the Secretary of State, and his suite, I have now the honor to present them to this Convention. Gov. Swann will now formally introduce to the body your distinguished guests.

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Mr. President of the State Constitutional Convention—In accordance with the unanimous wish of this Convention, as expressed in your resolutions of the 20th instant, I have the satisfaction to present to you his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States. He is here to accept the hospitality which has been so cordially extended to him by the State of Maryland. Standing by the side of this great martyr of popular rights, it is in no spirit of flattery that I bespeak for him the homage of a people whose ancestral relations occupy so large a space in the early history of this government.

Unawed by persecution—stripped of the most essential powers heretofore delegated to the high office of which he is the representative, in his honest efforts to reconstruct a distracted and bleeding country—powers which he has always conscientiously and judiciously wielded for the good of the whole people—in the interest of patriotism and not of party—when almost within reach of realizing, through his own instrumentality mainly, the cherished object of his ambition—the re-establishment of harmony between the sections, and a cordial resumption of the relations of the past—he stands before you today not the less honored because of his failure, through untoward interference, to accomplish his mission of patriotism and duty. But the responsibility is not with him. The feverish and unsettled condition of the country—the prostration of your industrial interests—the foreshadowed threats of confiscation and red-handed agrarianism—the false issues kept alive to excite and mislead the public mind—paralyzing all the channels of healthy reaction and