

me, my faith is strong that "truth is mighty and will ultimately prevail." [Great cheering.] And though I may go down, the proud consolation in my last moments, that of knowing that I have done my duty, will be an ample reward. [Renewed cheering.] But I have said more than I intended to say upon receiving this cordial welcome to the State of Maryland. God bless it! [Applause.]

Washington in his farewell address has left his admonitions to us. I am proud, am gratified, that I have it in my power here today to stand beneath the roof where that great man, that good man, constituting almost the exception to the world, after having conducted our infant armies through the revolution, after having with them slept in the bleak winds, exposed to an inclement sky, tracked by the blood trickling from their feet, after having passed through all this and laid the basis of the government—here beneath this roof it was that George Washington set the great example of love of constitutional government and of law and of belief in man's capacity, to govern himself. It was here upon this consecrated spot that George Washington lifted the crown of power from his head and laid it at the feet of the people. [Great applause.] It was here that George Washington tendered his resignation as commander-in-chief of the armies of the colonies as they then stood. It was here that George Washington, not in poetry, not in well-rounded sentences, but in fact set the example of sinking the soldier in the citizen. It was here that he converted the sword into the plowshare. It was here where he taught an admiring world that to be truly great you must be truly good. I would to God that we had his example imitated in modern times. [Applause.] It was left for him to perform that great act that stands out alone and above any other act of any other man that has ever lived. Hence, I repeat, I am proud to have it in my power to stand here today and refer to these things that are so familiar to you all.

For the kindness, for the sympathy, and I think I may add, (for I have looked upon too many faces to be very greatly deceived,) for the sincere regard and respect that has been manifested today for the person who addresses you, you have my heartfelt thanks. And so long as the