
HISTORY OF MARYLAND

There were few topics of greater interest to Governor Tawes than the rich history of the Free State. He was keenly aware of the significance of the subject and he frequently selected it as the basis of public presentations.

Maryland, one of the first of the American colonies and one of the original thirteen states, has played a vital role in the history of the United States. From the time of its settlement by the Calverts, through the trials of the Revolution and the nation-shattering fratricide of the Civil War, to the tumult of the Twentieth Century, Maryland occupies a central place in the annals of America. It was Maryland which provided the example of religious toleration in its earliest years; and it was historic Annapolis that served as the first capital of a fledgling nation. The Governor saw it as one of the responsibilities of his office to periodically remind Marylanders of their heritage and the following selections touch on a variety of aspects of the State's history.

REMARKS ON THE 325TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND

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The little band of men who set out from England aboard the Ark and the Dove 325 years ago to become the first settlers of Maryland were under an injunction that Catholics and Protestants were not to give offense one to another in matters of religion. The order was issued by Cecilius Calvert, before whose statue we are gathered here today to commemorate the founding of Maryland three and a quarter centuries ago.

“His Lordship,” wrote the second Lord Baltimore, “requires his said Governor and Commissioners that in their voyage to Mary Land they be very careful to preserve unity and peace among all the passengers on shipboard, and that they suffer no scandal nor offense to be given to any of the Protestants”

He went on to state that his instructions were to be “observed at land