

only "the finest military qualities" but the finest qualities of a citizen and a public official.

It is a great privilege to be with you here today to pay tribute to this illustrious Marylander, who is truly our "outstanding civilian soldier."

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF WINCHESTER STREET ARMORY

BALTIMORE

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I am delighted, as your Governor, to be here this evening to participate in these ceremonies in which we dedicate this Winchester Street Armory. This building, with its equipment, is a splendid adjunct to the Military Department of our State. We in Maryland are proud of our National Guard, which has figured so prominently and so gloriously in all the wars our nation has waged.

The principle upon which our Military Department was established is stated in our Maryland Declaration of Rights. In it, the **people of Maryland declare that "a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defense of a free government."** Another article in this great document of freedom states that "in all cases, and at all times, the military ought to be under strict subordination to, and control of, the civil power." From this doctrine we have never deviated in this country. Under it, we have proved that we can preserve our liberties and still present the military strength we need to repel our enemies.

But the history of our militia in Maryland antedates by much more than a century this declaration of principle. In fact, it is as ancient as Maryland itself. For in the Charter which Charles I granted, setting up this province in the New World, Cecilius Calvert, Lord Baltimore, was given the power to raise troops to put down rebellion and insurrection and to subdue the enemies of the province. The King, in his Charter, stated that "enemies, pirates and ravagers . . . probably will be feared" in "so remote a region." And therefore, he granted to Lord Baltimore the authority "to array all men, of whatsoever condition, or wheresoever born, for the time being. . .to wage war, and to pursue, even beyond the limits of their province, the enemies and ravagers. . .infesting those parts by land and **by sea**"