

to capture Baltimore—and the young nation would expire. An so, they moved upon Baltimore. We know the story of this battle too well to warrant a detailed recital of it here. When the fight was over, the enemy sailed away and the United States of America, with the mighty Star-Spangled Banner flying over Fort McHenry, was saved. And in Baltimore, there was a new song being sung—a song whose strains fill our hearts with pride and joy whenever we hear it.

So, as I have said, I think it is most appropriate that Americans everywhere, and especially we Marylanders, honor on the Sesquicentennial, this magnificent gesture in human history. This flag, and the song written about it, so symbolic of our own freedom on that day in 1814, have since that time become the symbols of the free and the brave throughout the world. In the words of the poet, “Oh, thus be it ever. . . .”

Finally, let me say again that I appreciate the courtesy and the honor I have received here this morning. Let us all strive endlessly to preserve the deep meaning and significance of the Star-Spangled Banner—the song and the flag.

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF MARKER ON SITE OF
MONOCACY BATTLEFIELD

FREDERICK COUNTY

July 9, 1964

Mr. Bussard, officers and members of the Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission and of the Frederick County Civil War Centennial Committee, representative of patriotic organizations, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

We have met here this afternoon to dedicate a marker at a spot where one of the great battles of the Civil War was fought and to honor the courageous Maryland men who fought for both the Union and the Confederacy in that battle.

This is an eventful ceremony for many reasons, and I assure you that, as the Governor of Maryland, I am highly honored to have a part in it. For one thing, the consecration of this marker on the Monocacy Battlefield brings to a close Maryland's four-year commemoration of the bloody and devastating strife in which the states of our Union were engaged 100 years ago. I recall with a great deal of pleasure