

well. A verdict that the affairs of our capital city have been handled well is particularly reassuring. We hope that events will prove us worthy of your generous praise. I approach the end of my service as Governor of Maryland with mixed emotions—with a feeling of gratitude, on the one hand, that a heavy burden is being lifted from my shoulders, and with a feeling of regret, on the other, that an arduous, but on the whole pleasurable, task is soon to end. One of the principal regrets will be in leaving this charming little city in which Mrs. Tawes and I have spent a delightful eight years. Both of us love the city and have learned to think of it as our real home. The thought of leaving it is distressing.

The Governor of Maryland is surrounded by rules, regulations, prescriptions, prohibitions, all spelled out by the Constitution. The "the Governor shall reside at the seat of government," as stated in Section 21 of Article 2, is one of the requirements I am happy our forefathers laid down, because residing at Annapolis has been one of the most pleasant and rewarding of my experiences as the Chief Executive of the State. I recall with a great deal of satisfaction that when I was campaigning for the Governorship for the first time in 1958, I said that I expected to be an "Annapolis Governor," meaning that I intended to interpret that clause of the Constitution requiring residence in Annapolis quite literally. I have fulfilled that pledge, I hope, and Marylanders now are keenly aware that the executive offices of their State government are situated in this city—in Annapolis, their State Capital.

In this connection, I have observed with interest and approbation a trend during the past few years toward a greater concentration of State government activities here—executive, legislative and judicial. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the *House of Delegates*, who are guests here, have had a great deal to do with this changed attitude—the attitude that Annapolis is indeed the Capital of Maryland and that as much of the government's activities as possible should be carried on here. As examples of this trend, the Department of Legislative Reference already has moved here from Baltimore. The Legislative Council, and the various other between-session committees of the General Assembly, are holding more and more of their sessions here. This, in my opinion, is a plausible trend and is worthy of our encouragement.

Many of you who are here will remember a speech of Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, delivered when he was here about a year ago to register the Colonial Annapolis Historic District as a Na-