

endeavored to keep in mind the guiding principles for our judiciary to which I have just referred. In that connection, let me also add that it has been my uniform practice before making any judicial appointments to consider the recommendations of the Maryland State Bar Association and of other bar associations active in the particular locality affected as to those lawyers deemed most qualified for appointment to existing vacancies. I have found these recommendations to be of great assistance to me, and I have valued them very much. Accordingly, I expect to continue the practice throughout the remainder of my term as Governor.

Mr. Eney told me earlier this evening that of the 61 judges in Maryland above the rank of trial magistrates and municipal court judges, all except perhaps half a dozen are present and participating in this three-state judicial seminar. I understand that the few who are not here are absent only because illness makes it impossible for them to be present. I think this is a remarkable record and is a tribute to the State of Maryland, to its judiciary, and particularly to Chief Judge Brune, who is the chief judicial officer of the State. I commend you most heartily because of my very sincere conviction that this record of attendance is but another indication of the dedication to purpose which is a tradition with Maryland judges.

Mr. Justice Clark, I am sure that you also are very proud of the excellent showing at this seminar being sponsored by the joint committee of which you are chairman. I suggest to you, however, that this kind of a showing by Maryland judges is not surprising to Marylanders because we have come to expect—and indeed to take for granted—the excellence and achievements of our Maryland judges. This has been true since colonial times when Maryland lawyers such as Luther Martin, William Paca, Daniel Dulaney, William Pinkney, Thomas Stone and Robert Hanson Harrison were the recognized leaders of the bar of our country. It has continued through the years with such stalwarts of the Maryland Bar as William Pinkney Whyte, I. Nevett Steel, Bernard Carter, Charles McHenry Howard, Charles Markell and many others. And with such eminent and nationally known Maryland jurists as Richard Henry Alvey, James McSherry and Carroll T. Bond, and eminent and nationally known Maryland members of the federal judiciary such as Roger Brooke Taney, John C. Rose, W. Calvin Chesnut and Morris A. Soper.

Let me repeat that Mrs. Tawes and I are both glad to be here with you this evening to enjoy a few hours of pleasant conversation, relaxation and delicious Maryland food, even though the menu does not include Maryland crab cakes.