

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 10th, 1900.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message inviting the presence of the House of Delegates to-day at 12 M., to participate with you in the inauguration of the Governor elect, and to witness the administration of the oath of office to him by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of the State. We accept the invitation, and will be in readiness to be conducted to the Senate by your Committee.

By order,

B. L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

At 11.50 A. M.,

The Speaker and members of the House of Delegates arrived.

At 12 M.,

The Hon. John Walter Smith (the Governor-elect,) arrived, accompanied by His Excellency Governor Lloyd Lowndes, Ex-Governor Frank Brown and the Judges of the Court of Appeals.

Whereupon,

The Governor-elect arose and delivered the following address in the presence of the General Assembly, the Honorable Judges of the Court of Appeals, and a large concourse of citizens. After which the oath of office was administered by the Hon. James McSherry, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

ADDRESS:

Senators, Gentlemen of the House of Delegates and
Fellow Citizens :

Four years ago the Democratic party surrendered the government of this State to the Republicans. Prior to that time for nearly thirty years the Democrats had