

to impress upon the members of the Senate and House of Delegates the expediency of prompt and successful action in fully carrying out the promises made during the campaign.

All efforts in this direction shall have my cordial and earnest support.

I propose, my fellow citizens, so far as shall lie in the power of the Governor of the State, to redeem, honestly and faithfully, every promise I made the people during the campaign, both in my letter of acceptance and in my public speeches.

To this end I most earnestly ask the assistance and support of all good citizens, to whatever party they may belong. I appeal likewise for aid from the public press, the great exponent of popular sentiment, that I may be able to ascertain the wishes of the people on any public question of State concern, and to shape my course accordingly.

The Government of Maryland must be managed upon business principles. It must be administered for the benefit of all alike, without distinction of party, or color, or creed, or condition. That shall be my object. That shall be the one and only policy I shall adopt.

I shall endeavor to appoint honest and capable persons to fill the public offices within my gift.

I shall see to it that the laws of the land are faithfully executed.

It shall be my endeavor to put an end to the rowdyism, turbulence and wanton violation of law, of which there has been so much just complaint of late years. To that end, I appeal not only to the white people, but also to the colored population to aid me. Among the latter class it has been undoubtedly true, as repeatedly charged upon the hustings during the late campaign, and also made apparent through the public press, that a reckless disregard of law and order has prevailed. The low, the vicious, and the ignorant among that class of our population have been responsible for the condition of things alluded to. There are many respectable and intelligent colored people among us, however, who regret and con-