

He took the position that the State should not put or keep its money in private investments, and it was on his advice that the State sold its unproductive interests in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal for \$155,000 and its 5500 shares of stock in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He further recommended the sale of the \$1,500,000 mortgage of the Northern Central Railway Company. The results thus far have placed Maryland practically out of debt.

In Governor Warfield's term the new oyster survey was created and inaugurated, the cause of good roads was materially advanced, the increase in the facilities and efficiency of the State institutions was notable, and in all the board and committees and general meetings in which these interests of the State were discussed and decided, Governor Warfield was almost always present; he devoted his time unreservedly to his State.

Governor Warfield was called upon to fill many important offices by appointment. To succeed Senator Gorman he selected the Hon. William Pinkney Whyte, and this choice met with such universal approval that Senator Whyte was renominated in the Senatorial primaries without opposition. Governor Warfield appointed more judges than any Governor in the history of the State, and these appointments were uniformly approved by the people. Among them was Judge Crothers, who succeeds Governor Warfield as Chief Executive of Maryland.

Shortly after Governor Warfield came to his office the great fire occurred in Baltimore. He contributed a large share to the splendid work that was done after that catastrophe.

His prompt action in ordering the State Militia to the assistance of the local authorities saved Baltimore and the State from the humiliation of having to call upon the Federal government to maintain order and protect property. Governor Warfield gave special attention to the militia, recognizing in it the main reliance of the State in the time of need. This interest led him to participate in the cruise of the Naval Militia and in the practice march of the mounted troops.

During his four years as Chief Executive of Maryland, Governor Warfield has endeavored to give the people an honest economical administration, with an earnest promotion of all their interests along progressive lines. He has steadily held forth not only to his own fellow Marylanders but to the citizens of other States the unequalled position of Maryland and the value and glory of its history, and it is not too much to say that the State has profited materially from this work and this policy not only in its business growth and the development and enhancement of its resources, but in all its political, social and educational progress.