

and urge that you give them prompt and favorable consideration.

I wish especially to approve his recommendation of an appropriation for the proper representation of Maryland at the great World's Fair to be held in St. Louis to commemorate the purchase of the Louisiana Territory by Thomas Jefferson, the Father of Democracy, and I heartily endorse all that he says as to the advantages which will accrue to our State from an exposition of her resources and special advantages.

You, Senators and Members of the House of Delegates, have grave responsibilities resting upon you. Especially is this the case with you, the Democratic members, who, because of your commanding majority in both Houses, will be held accountable and responsible for the legislation of this Session.

You can make a creditable record for the State and your party if you do not put partisanship above the public weal. Strive to represent the will and the wish of the people in voting for both measures and men. Let it be known that individuals and corporations who seek legislation must rely on the merits of the measures they present; that in Maryland no "third house" can pass a law; that your obligations are to your constituents, and to them alone. Those who seek honest and proper legislation should receive prompt consideration, without cost or hindrance. Set your face firmly against extravagant expenditures and unnecessary officers and employes in your respective bodies. Thus prove to the people that they did not trust you in vain.

The seat of the State government is Annapolis. New buildings have been erected and extensive improvements and additions to old buildings are under way, which will give ample and comfortable accommodations for the public officers of the State.

The founders of our State directed that the public business should be transacted at the capital. In obedience to that requirement and the mandate of the Constitution, I shall take up my residence in Annapolis and require the Secretary of State to reside here,