

so that all official business shall be transacted in the Executive Offices in this city.

The Constitution requires the Governor to "take care that the laws are faithfully executed." This I am resolved to do, and in order to do so effectively I shall appoint no man to public office who is not thoroughly competent and reliable. And here, in the presence of this great assemblage of my fellow-countrymen, I dedicate my best efforts and talents to the work.

I am deeply sensible of my shortcomings, and of my inability to measure up to every requirement of the high office, upon the duties of which I am about to enter, but I know that I can rely upon the indulgence of the people of my native State, because they are ever willing to extend encouragement to one who is striving as best he can to serve them faithfully.

Relying, then, upon the favor of the people and, above all, upon the guidance of that Divine Being in whose hands all things are, I am now ready to take the oath of office.

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The oath of office was then administered to the Governor-elect.

After the oath of office was taken by His Excellency the Hon. Edwin Warfield, prayer was offered by the Rev. John Timothy Stone, of Baltimore, Md., as follows:

Almighty God, Thou who art the Father of us all, Thou who art the giver of law, and the framer of all righteous governments, we invoke Thy divine blessing upon this State and in this sacred service. Bless, we pray Thee, Thy servant, the Governor of this State and fill him with all wisdom and judgment. Bless all who are associated with him in the making and execution of law, and give us all here assembled Thy Divine favor and love. We pray Thee also to bless all those who are dear to him, and may Thy care and watchful love guide us all.

God, The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Ghost be with and bless us all, we ask in Thy name.—  
Amen.