

Record of Official Acts and Proceedings of the
Executive Department of the State of Maryland.

Thomas Watkins Ligon Governor.

Executive Department Jan 11. 1854

This being the day named in the Constitution of the State of Maryland for the Governor elect to qualify agreeably thereto, and the laws thereof the Honorable Thomas Watkins Ligon, together with His Excellency, Enock Louis Love, proceeded from the Executive Chamber at 12. M. to the Senate Chamber, whereupon the oaths of office required by the Constitution and Laws of the State were administered to the Governor elect by the Honorable John B. Le Grand Chief Justice of the State in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature and he delivered the following.

Inaugural Address.

Fellow Citizens:-

Deeply impressed with the responsibility imposed upon me by the people of Maryland in calling me to the discharge of the duties of the Executive Office, and not insensible to the arduous and perplexing trusts incident to such a position, I enter upon the performance of the task which the oath I have just taken requires, with an unfeigned distrust of my ability suitably to reward so large a measure of public confidence, but with a deliberate purpose to administer that branch of the Government intrusted to my care in strict accordance with the best interests of the people and my own constitutional obligations.

I feel profoundly grateful for the distinguished though unmerited honor that has been conferred upon me, and with an earnest desire to secure the public approval in all my official conduct, I shall strive to merit it by an honest effort to discharge my