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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF

GOVERNOR T. WATKINS LIGON.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Deeply impressed with the responsibility imposed upon me by the people of Maryland, in calling me to discharge 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 entrusted to my care in strict accordance with the best interest 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 whole duty, and by a rigid observance of those tried and cherished principles of public policy which lie at the foundation of our Government, and have given stability and value to the Institutions of our country.

To so enact my part as to contribute to the honor and permanent welfare of our State, shall constitute my highest ambition, and to this object my best efforts shall be cordially and constantly devoted