

States Senate. Almost a century has passed, but his thoughts remain appropriate.

I quote from Governor Whyte:

"Recognizing the right of my fellow citizens to transfer my labors to another field of duty . . . [I am] gratified beyond expression at their partiality

"A child of Maryland, I trust I shall never lose sight of her honor . . . I shall hold true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and be faithful to the Federal compact, lending my best energies to promote the prosperity and happiness of all sections of [the] . . . country. In accepting the distinguished position now conferred upon me, I feel it [is] . . . my duty . . . to resign the office to which I was called two years ago, by a generous and confiding constituency, in order that the General Assembly may, in conformity with the terms of the Constitution, elect my successor

"In [parting] . . . from my official associates, and from the members of the two Houses of the Assembly, I cannot forego the expression of my deep regret, but I shall look back upon my connection with them with sincere affection and gratitude."

So it is with a sense of participating in a tradition of Maryland's past that I resign my Office of Governor as of 1 p.m., January 7, 1969. And it will be with a sense of creating a tradition for Maryland's future that I shall assume the Office of Vice President of the United States on January 20, 1969.

