

Maryland Manual for 1897-8.

PART I.

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES

OF THE

**Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Attorney
General, and Members of the General
Assembly of Maryland.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT:

Governor of Maryland: LLOYD LOWNDES, of Cumberland, Allegany county.

Lloyd Lowndes, of Maryland, was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, February 21st, 1845. His father and grandfather before him were prominent men of this State, and the Lowndes family has been identified with the interests of Western Maryland almost from its settlement. Mr. Lowndes was educated in the academy at Clarksburg, in Washington College, Washington, Pennsylvania, and in Alleghany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, having graduated from the last-named institution in 1865. Shortly afterward he began the study of law in Philadelphia, and in 1867 was graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. Upon his graduation he settled in Cumberland, and soon acquired a large and lucrative practice. His thorough knowledge of the fundamental principles of constitutional law, and his great personal popularity made him a most desirable candidate for congressional honors, and, at the urgent request of the leaders of the Republican party, he accepted the nomination for Congress, and went into the campaign of 1872, and was elected over the Hon. John Ritchie, of Frederick county, the Democratic nominee, by the majority of 1,700. In this fight, Mr. Lowndes threw all that energetic and persistent application which had characterized his work at school, the college, the university, and while practicing at the bar, and the "forlorn hope" led by him at that time was right gallantly won, and showed a reversal of 3,200 votes, his antagonist having been elected two years before by a majority of