

will please make known your pleasure, such arrangements as you deem proper will be made.

Your obedient servants,
HUGH McCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.
EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.
GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.
WM. DENNISON, Postmaster-General.
J. P. USHER, Secretary of the Interior.
JAMES SPEED, Attorney-General.

To Andrew Johnson, Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Johnson requested that the ceremony should take place at his rooms at the Kirkwood House, in this city, at ten o'clock in the morning. Hon. Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was notified of the fact, and desired to be in attendance to administer the oath of office. At the above named hour the following gentlemen assembled in the Vice President's room, to participate in the ceremony:—

Hon. Salmon P. Chase, Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Attorney-General Speed, F. P. Blair, Sr., Hon. Montgomery Blair, Senators Foot, of Vermont; Ramsey, of Minnesota; Yates, of Illinois; Stewart, of Nevada; Hale of New Hampshire, and General Farnsworth, of Illinois. After the presentation of the above letter the Chief Justice administered the following oath to Mr. Johnson:—

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

After receiving the oath, and being declared President of the United States, Mr. Johnson remarked:—

Gentlemen, I must be permitted to say, that I have been almost overwhelmed by the announcement of the sad event which has so recently occurred. I feel incompetent to perform duties so important and responsible as those which have been so unexpectedly thrown upon me. As to an indication of any policy which may be pursued by me in the administration of the Government, I have to say that that must be left for development as the Administration progresses.

The message or declaration must be made by the acts as they transpire. The only assurance that I can now give of the future is reference to the past. The course which I have taken in the past in connection with this Rebellion must be regarded as a guaranty of the future. My past public life, which has been long and laborious, has been founded, as I in good conscience believe, upon a great principle of right, which lies at the basis of all things. The best energies of my life have been spent in endeavoring to establish and perpetuate the principles of free Government, and I believe that the Government, in passing through its present perils, will settle down upon principles consonant with popular rights, more permanent and enduring than heretofore. I must be permitted to say, if I understand the feelings of my own heart, that I have long labored to ameliorate and elevate the condition of the great mass of the American people. Toil and an honest advocacy of the great principles of free Government have been my lot. Duties have been mine, consequences are God's. This has been the foundation of my political creed, and I feel that in the end the Government will triumph, and that these great principles will be permanently established.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let me say that I want your encouragement and countenance. I shall ask and rely upon you and others in carrying the Government through its present perils. I feel, in making this request, that it will be heartily responded to by you and all other patriots and lovers of the rights and interests of a free people.

At the conclusion of the above remarks, the President received the kind wishes of the friends by whom he was surrounded, and a few minutes were devoted to conversation. All were deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, and the recent sad occurrence that caused the necessity for the speedy inauguration of the President was gravely discussed.

Mr. Johnson is in fine health, and has an earnest sense of the important trust that has been confided to him. William Hunter, Esq., the Chief Clerk in the State Department, has been appointed Acting Secretary of State. A special meeting of the Cabinet was held at the Treasury Department at 10 o'clock this morning.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

[SPECIAL DESPACHES TO THE INQUIRER.]
WASHINGTON, April 16, 1865.

The Views of the New President.

It is the determination of President Johnson to reduce at once the expenses of the Government in all its departments.

Anticipated Proclamation.

The day will be proclaimed by President Johnson, to be solemnly observed throughout the United States. Services are to be held in all churches and business to be wholly suspended.

Visit to the New President.

The Committee on the Conduct of the War met to-day at the invitation of President Johnson, the members present being B. F. Wade, Chairman; L. Chandler, George W. Julian, D. W. Gooch and John Covode, all having served with Andrew Johnson when he was a member of the committee.

Mr. Johnson's Views on National Affairs.

The President freely expressed his views in reference to National affairs. He feels that the Government is to-day stronger than ever. Treason is a crime to be punished, and he assured the committee that he would shape his policy as he goes along, not intending at this time to issue a proclamation.

The interview was one of the greatest satisfaction to the committee. The members were impressed most favorably with the President's manner, as well as with his views and the hopeful character of his remarks. He seems fully to comprehend the situation of the country, and the committee want their fellow-citizens to realize that the nation is safe. President Johnson is every way up to the standard which the people anxiously expect and trust that he will be. The President looks exceedingly well.

Meeting of the Cabinet.

At the request of President Johnson the Cabinet met this morning at the Treasury Department.

President Johnson Walks Unattended.

The President walked there from the Kirkwood House, receiving the silent congratulations of the people as he passed by. All of the Cabinet were present with the exception of Secretary Seward.

An Extra Session of Congress.

It is understood that the necessity for an extra session was discussed.

Committee on the Conduct of the War.

After the adjournment of the Cabinet meeting, the Committee on the Conduct of the War had an interview with President Johnson, accompanied, at their request, by the Hon. John Covode. They were received with great kindness, and they came away with a highly favorable impression of the new President. He made a becoming reference to the late sad event, and alluded to the responsibilities devolving upon him, as if fully impressed by his unexpected elevation to the highest position in the Republic.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

The Induction of Mr. Johnson into Office.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Yesterday morning, Attorney-General Speed waited upon the Hon. Andrew Johnson, Vice-President of the United States, and officially informed him of the sudden and unexpected decease of President Lincoln, and requested that an early hour might be appointed for the inauguration of his successor. The following is a copy of the communication referred to:—

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., April 15, 1865.—Sir—Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, was shot by an assassin last evening, at Ford's Theatre, in this city, and died at the hour of twenty-two minutes after seven o'clock this day. About the same time at which the President was shot, an assassin entered the sick chamber of the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State, and stabbed him in several places in the throat, neck and face; severely, if not mortally, wounding him.

Other members of the Secretary's family were dangerously wounded by the assassin while making his escape. By the death of President Lincoln the office of President has devolved, under the Constitution, upon you. The emergency of the Government demands that you should immediately qualify, according to the requirements of the Constitution, and enter upon the duties of President of the United States. If you