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OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
TO BE DELIVERED,
AT THE REQUEST OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
BEFORE THEM, IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
BY THE
HON. GEORGE BANCROFT,
ON THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY, 1866.

The Capitol will be closed on the morning of the 12th to all except the members and the officers of Congress.

At ten o'clock the doors leading to the rotunda will be opened to those to whom invitations have been extended, under the joint resolution of Congress, by the presiding officers of the two houses, and to those holding tickets of admission to the galleries, issued by the chairmen of the joint committee of arrangements. The doorkeepers will have imperative orders to admit no one before ten o'clock except members of Congress, and no one after that hour who does not exhibit either a letter of invitation or a ticket of admission.

The hall of the House of Representatives will be opened for the admission of representatives and those to whom invitations have been extended, who will be conducted to the seats assigned to them, as follows:

The President of the United States will be seated in front of the Speaker's table.

The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court



will occupy seats next to the President, on the right of the Speaker's table.

The Heads of Departments, with the Diplomatic Corps, will occupy seats next to the President, on the left of the Speaker's table.

Officers of the Army and Navy who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress, will occupy seats next to Supreme Court, on the right of the Speaker's table.

Assistant Heads of Departments, Governors of States and Territories, and the Mayors of Washington and Georgetown, will occupy seats directly in the rear of Heads of Departments.

The Chief Justice and judges of the Court of Claims, and the Chief Justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, will occupy seats directly in the rear of the Supreme Court.

The heads of bureaus in the departments will occupy seats directly in the rear of the officers of the army and navy.

Representatives will occupy seats on either side of the hall, in the rear of those invited, and reserving four rows of seats on either side of the main aisles for Senators.

The diplomatic gallery will be reserved exclusively for the families of the members of the diplomatic corps, who will be provided with tickets of admission to that gallery.

The galleries on either side of the hall will be reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them, provided with tickets, until half-past eleven o'clock. The front gallery at ten o'clock, and the ladies' galleries after half-past eleven o'clock, will be open to all holders of tickets. The doorkeepers will be instructed not to admit any person unprovided with a ticket, and to collect the tickets from those who enter the galleries.

The reporters' gallery will be reserved strictly for those reporters entitled to admission to the reporters' galleries of the Senate and of the House, who will be furnished with tickets of admission. The

reporters for the Congressional Globe, in the Senate and in the House, will occupy the reporters' desk in front of the Clerk's table.

The House of Representatives will be called to order, by the Speaker, at twelve o'clock.

The Marine Band, stationed in the upper vestibule, will, at twelve o'clock, perform appropriate music, ceasing when the exercises are to be commenced.

The Senate will assemble at twelve o'clock, and, after prayers and the reading of the journal, will proceed to the hall of the House of Representatives, following their President *pro tempore* and their Secretary, and preceded by their Sergeant-at-Arms. On reaching the hall of the House of Representatives, the Senators will take the seats reserved for them on the right and left of the main aisle.

The President *pro tempore* will occupy the Speaker's chair. The Speaker of the House will occupy a seat at his left. The chaplains of the Senate and of the House will occupy seats on the right and left of the presiding officers of their respective Houses.

The orator of the day, Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, will occupy a seat at the table of the Clerk of the House. The chairmen of the joint committee of arrangements will occupy seats at the right and left of the orator, and next to them will be seated the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

The other officers of the Senate and of the House will occupy seats on the floor at the right and the left of the Speaker's platform.

All being in readiness, the Hon. LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER, President of the Senate *pro tempore*, will call the two Houses of Congress to order.

Prayer will be offered by the Rev. Dr. BOYNTON, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The presiding officer will then introduce to the audience the Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, of New York, who will deliver the memorial address.

The benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Dr. GRAY, Chaplain of the Senate.

On the conclusion of the benediction, the Senators, following their President *pro tempore* and their Secretary, and preceded by their Sergeant-at-Arms, will return to the Senate Chamber; and the President of the United States, the orator of the day, and those present by invitation on the floor of the House, will withdraw.

The Marine Band, stationed in the rotunda, will, after the Senate shall have returned to the Senate Chamber, perform national airs. The Capitol will then be open to the public.

The Commissioner of Public Buildings, the Sergeants-at Arms of the Senate and of the House, and the Doorkeeper of the House, are charged with the execution of these arrangements.

SOLOMON FOOT,

Chairman on the part of the Senate.

E. B. WASHBURN,

Chairman on the part of the House.

Monday February 12. 1866.