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THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY  
IN VIRGINIA



AUTUMN CONVOCATION  
THE TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD SESSION  
AND  
EXERCISES COMMEMORATING  
THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BIRTH OF CHIEF JUSTICE  
JOHN MARSHALL  
1755 - 1955

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER THE TWENTY-SECOND  
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE

AT  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

COLLEGE YARD IN FRONT OF  
THE SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN BUILDING

## CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL

1755 - 1835

John Marshall is appropriately called the "Father of American Constitutional Law." He was born on September 24, 1755, on the Virginia frontier, served under General George Washington, suffered the hardships of Valley Forge, attended Wythe's law lectures at the College of William and Mary, and was appointed by President John Adams to be the fourth Chief Justice of the United States. His long term of office was marked by decisions which are established landmarks in the relations of the States to the Federal government both politically and commercially, thereby laying the basis for a strong national economy which is an essential for a strong national government.

In honoring the memory of John Marshall, the College of William and Mary has chosen as the theme for the Bicentennial Program:

*The Rededication of the Anglo-American Bench and Bar  
to its  
Traditions of Representative Constitutional Government.*

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

The President of the College, Presiding

Processional: *William and Mary Hymn*      The William and Mary Choir

The National Anthem

Invocation      The Reverend Chester P. Michael  
Pastor, St. Bede's Church

Presentation of Officers of Administration      J. Wilfred Lambert  
Dean of Students and Registrar

Presentation of Heads of Departments  
and New Members of the Faculty      Charles F. Marsh  
Dean of the Faculty

Anthem:  
"Lord, Thou Art Mighty," *Valinoff*      The William and Mary Choir  
Carl A. Fehr, Director

Introduction of the Convocation  
Speaker      President Alvin Duke Chandler

Convocation Address      The Honorable Edward Martin  
Senator from Pennsylvania

\*Presentation of the Marshall-Wythe-  
Blackstone Plaque      W. Garland Clarke  
President, William and Mary  
Law School Association

Acceptance of the Plaque for  
The Marshall-Wythe School of Law      Dudley W. Woodbridge  
Dean of the Marshall-Wythe  
School of Law

Benediction      The Reverend Chester P. Michael

Recessional: *William and Mary Hymn*

*\*(The Marshall-Wythe-Blackstone Plaque was designed  
by Felix W. G. de Weldon, Sculptor.)*

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