

The following communication was received from the Executive by John M. Carter, Esq., Private Secretary :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 8th, 1865.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates :*

By an Act of Congress, approved July 2d, 1864, the old Hall of the old House of Representatives in the Capitol of the United States, was set a part as a National Statuary hall, and the President was thereby authorized to invite "each and all the States to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown, or for distinguished civic or military services, such as each State shall determine to be worthy of this National commemoration."

I have received from the State Department a communication on this subject, conveying the request of the President, that the State of Maryland take the matter into consideration. I herewith transmit a copy of that communication with its enclosure, and recommend the subject to your early attention.

A. W. BRADFORD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, 3d February, 1865.

*To His Excellency,*

*The Governor of the State of Maryland,*

*Annapolis, Md.*

*Sir:—*I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency a copy of a letter of the 25th ult., addressed to the President of the United States by the Hon. Justin S. Morrill of the House of Representatives, inviting his attention to the 2d section of the Act of Congress, of the 2d July, 1864, on the subject of statues for the old Hall of the House of Representatives. The President has directed this Department to request through your Excellency, that the State of Maryland may take the matter into consideration.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obd't serv't,

F. W. SEWARD,

*Acting Sec'y.*