

Washington, 13th January, 1827.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honour of receiving your official letter of the 10th instant, informing me that the honourable the general assembly have appointed me a senator in the senate of the United States, to serve for six years from the 3d day of March next.

For this fourth and renewed proof of their favourable opinion, I pray you to communicate to the several bodies over which you preside, my cordial acknowledgments. Having in civil and military stations devoted my time to the service of my country for more than forty years, it is a source of consolation, now, to find, that I have the happiness, yet, to retain the confidence of my fellow citizens.

I entreat you, gentlemen, to accept, for yourselves, my grateful thanks for the manner in which you have been pleased to convey to me this information, and an assurance of the high personal respect with which I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Smith.

Hon'ble Edward Lloyd, Prest. of Senate,
and

Hon'ble James W. McCulloh, Speaker
House of Delegates.

And the said clerk returned the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the governor and council of Maryland to appoint the inspectors of flour for this state; also the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorising the commissioners to lay out a road in Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties; severally endorsed, "will pass;" whereupon the said bills were ordered to be engrossed.

And the resolution in favour of Benjamin Tomlinson, a member of the late electoral college, reimbursing him for extraordinary expenses incurred, in consequence of sickness, whilst engaged in the discharge of his duties as such; endorsed, "assented to;" whereupon the said resolution was ordered to be engrossed.

Bills of the following titles were this day severally reported, viz.

By Mr. Hope, An act to alter and amend so much of the constitution and form of government as relates to clerks of the county courts and registers of wills.

By Mr. Ridgely, An act to alter, repeal and amend, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as provides for filling vacancies in the house of delegates.