

in the Congress of the United States and reposing special trust and confidence in
the sound judgment and integrity of Benjamin C. Howard & have appointed him
one of the Senators to represent the said State in the Congress of the United
States until the next meeting of the Legislature which shall hereafter happen
to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Reverend Johnson
& in testimony whereof Philip Francis Thomas Governor of
the State of Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed on this tenth
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and forty nine and of the independence of the United States the
seventy third

By the Governor
Witness my hand & the Seal of the State
Philip F. Thomas

March 12th 1849

The Governor this day received the following communication from the
Honorable Benjamin C. Howard accepting the appointment of Senator of the
United States

Baltimore March 11th 1849

Dear Sir:

I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th inst.
together with a Commission to fill until the next session of the General Assembly
the vacancy in the Senate of the United States, occasioned by the resignation of the
Honorable Reverend Johnson.

I accept with profound感激, this distinguished
mark of your confidence. Heretofore I have had the honor of representing portions
of the people of Maryland; but to represent them all, in their aggregate capacity,
is a trust of which any one might be proud. Deeply do I feel it, because
the honor, dignity and prosperity of the State of Maryland have ever been, and
will ever be, entwined among the dearest wishes of my heart.

Allow me to thank you for the kind manner
in which you have made the communication

and believe me

With the highest respect & regard

Yr. obt. servt.

(Signed) Benjn C. Howard

His Excellency

Philip F. Thomas

Governor of

Maryland