

The Lieutenant Governor arose and said :

SENATORS :

In connection with this proceeding, the Chair desires to present a simple statement due to himself, the Senate and the public. On Tuesday last, just one week ago, he was sent for by his Excellency, who read to him his letter resigning the Governorship of Maryland, which he took occasion to notify him would be sent in on Tuesday, 26th inst., to take effect on and after that date. This was accordingly, and with his permission, announced in the Senate, on the same day on which the communication was made, and a committee appointed to institute the proper arrangement for the public ceremonies of installation. These progressed and were perfected in good faith. The Chair was in conference with his Excellency, yesterday, but had no reason to anticipate any change in the published proceedings, but on the contrary, was reassured of the certainty of his Excellency's resignation, at this hour to-day, as previously determined upon; nor was any intimation or knowledge of a different purpose furnished to the Chair, until an hour and a half ago, when the letter just read was received by the hands of Mr. Leary, the private Secretary.

I have deemed, Senators, this simple announcement of facts, eminently proper on this occasion, in order that no misapprehension may arise as to the relation of the Chair, or the body over which he has the honor to preside, to the existing disappointment.

The onus of explaining to the Senate and the public the cause of the failure of the *programme*, at so late an hour, will rest where it properly belongs.

Mr. Mules presented a memorial in behalf of the Franklin Turnpike Road Company;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Mules, Compton and Tome.

Mr. Tome presented the memorial of Isaac F. Vanesdale and 27 other citizens of Cecil county, against the repeal of the Sunday Law;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Young presented the petition of 54 citizens of Howard, Carroll, Frederick and Montgomery counties, praying the appointment of a Tobacco Inspector, to represent their interest, it being separate and distinct from any other in the State;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.