Kimmel,   Young—17.
Mackall,

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

The bill entitled, an Act to regulate the means of egress from public buildings;

Being under consideration,

Mr, Tome submitted the following amendment,

Amend 1st section, excepting the churches already built in the counties of this State;

On motion by Mr. Brodwater,

Said bill was recommitted to the select Committee, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next, March 6, 1867.

The following communication was received from His Excellency, Governor Swann:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, March 1, 1867.

To the Senate and House of Delegates,

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an official communication from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, informing me that the General Assembly of Maryland had elected me a Senator of the United States for the term of six years from the 4th of March, 1867.

This honor has been conferred upon me, as is well known to the members of the Legislature and my friends throughout the State, without any agency or solicitation on my part.

It had been my purpose in response to the action of your Honorable Body, and what was then the wish of the people of the State, to have accepted this high trust ; and I had so expressed myself on various occasions, and more recently in an interview with the Lieutenant Governor.

Within a short time past, however, and up to the date of my communication to that officer on the 26th ultimo, when my resignation was expected to be officially announced to the Legislature, I have been visited by such appeals from the representative men of the State, urged with an earnestness and unanimity which could hardly be mistaken, asking my continuance in the Gubernatorial chair, that I did not feel at liberty to consult any individual preferences of my own, in making up a final judgment upon this subject. I have no right from any motive of personal ambition, in connection with the Senatorial office, if such could be supposed for a mo-