

ment, to influence my action, to disregard my paramount obligation to the people of my State. It was sufficient for them to indicate, whether in their judgment, I could best serve them in the councils of the nation or the Gubernatorial office, to which they had assigned me, at a period of so much interest in our public affairs, both State and National.

With this brief explanation, I deem it proper to avail myself of the earliest opportunity compatible with the public interest and in deference to what I believe to be my duty to the people of the State of Maryland, to decline the appointment of Senator of the United States for six years from the 4th of March, 1867, and to return to the General Assembly of Maryland my grateful appreciation of the distinguished honor they have conferred upon me.

I have the honor to be with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS SWANN,

Which was read.

Mr. Spates presented a communication from E. S. Zevely, Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Mr. Tome,

The rules were suspended, and the bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Susquehanna Hotel Company in Port Deposit;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion by Mr. Tome,

The bill was then read the third time by special order, three-fourths concurring, and passed by yeas and nays as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Brodwater,	Kimmel,
Compton,	Spates,
Davis, of Caroline,	Stephenson,
Davis, of Washington,	Stirling,
Earle,	Tome,
Frazier,	Trail,
Henkle,	Waters,
Holton,	Young—16.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

The bill entitled, an Act to repeal sections 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110, of article 81, of the Code of Public General