

as Swann, announcing his declination of the office of United States Senator, to which he had been chosen by the present Legislature, with great unanimity has, under the peculiar circumstances which surrounded it, impressed the Legislature with profound sensibility; and that in view of the momentous interests involved, and the cause of constitutional government, in all the States, we recognize in the determination of the Gov. to remain firmly at his post in the executive chair, at this junction in the affairs of the State, an evidence of the same devotion to its welfare, which has in the past earned for him its highest honors, and will in the future more strongly commend him to the confidence of the people.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly are fully impressed with the opinion that Governor Swann, has but complied with the general wish of the people of Maryland, in deciding to remain in the Gubernatorial office, and that he will, in the future, as in the past, discharge the duties of his high office, with firmness and fidelity.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee of three, two of the House of Delegates, and one of the Senate, be appointed to present to the Governor a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Which were read and concurred in, and the resolutions returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Earle submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,  
March 1, 1867.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We cordially concur in the action of your Honorable Body, which expresses high approbation of the course of Governor Swann in his determination to decline the United States Senatorship, and continue in the elevated position he fills with such advantage and ability to the State: and in your request for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on his Excellency, and present the joint resolutions of the two bodies. We appoint Senator Earle on the part of the Senate.

By order,

A. GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House also returned the following bills:

The bill entitled, an Act to authorize and direct payment of claims due the members and officers of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and sixty-one;

**Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."**