

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, February 21, 1868.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication just received from Hon. B. F. Wade, President *pro tempore*, of the United States Senate, accompanying a Resolution of that Body in reference to the case of the Honorable Philip F. Thomas, United States Senator from this State.

THOMAS SWANN,

Governor.

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER,

Washington, Feb. 20, 1868.

*His Excellency, Thomas Swann,**Governor of the State of Maryland :*

SIR :—In obedience to an order of the Senate, directing me to inform you of its action in reference to the Honorable Philip F. Thomas, claiming a seat in the Senate of the United States, as a Senator from the State of Maryland, I have the honor to transmit herewith its Resolution, passed on the 19th of February, instant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Respectfully, your obed't serv't,

(Signed)

B. F. WADE,

President of the Senate,

*Pro tempore.*

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

February 19, 1868.

*Resolved*, That Philip F. Thomas, having voluntarily given aid, countenance and encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility to the United States, is not entitled to take the oath of office as a Senator of the United States from the State of Maryland, or to hold a seat in this Body as such Senator; and that the President *pro tempore* of the Senate inform the Governor of the State of Maryland, of the action of the Senate in the premises.

Attest :

(Signed)

J. W. FORNEY,

Secretary.

And

On motion by Mr. Earle,