

Mr. Hamilton replied as follows, in writing:

Gentlemen: Your communication informing me of my election by the General Assembly of Maryland as Senator of the United States for the term of six years from the 4th of March, 1869, you were pleased to deliver to me in person. In accepting this important trust, allow me to express my deep sense of the distinguished honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the people of Maryland, and that profoundly impressed with the responsibilities attached to the position, especially in view of the present unhappy condition of our beloved country, it shall be my earnest endeavor to merit the great confidence reposed in me by a diligent, faithful and conscientious discharge of duty. Actuated, in common with yourselves and those you represent, solely by considerations for the general good, and the safety and welfare of a once prosperous and united people, be assured that it shall be my constant aim to co-operate with all patriotic men in restoring, unimpaired, the just and equal relations of all the States under the Constitution, promoting peace and harmony, cultivating friendship and good will, cherishing the observance of law and of order, reviving and reinvigorating our industrial interests, now perishing in the South and languishing in other parts of the Union, and in maintaining and preserving for all time our constitutional form of government, and with it securing to ourselves and to our posterity all the precious blessings which did always and will still attend its rightful administration. Accept, gentlemen, for yourselves, my sincere thanks for your personal consideration. With great respect, I am your obedient servant,

WM. T. HAMILTON.

To Messrs. Fields, Parker, McElroy, Beck, Coudy and Herbert.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. McELROY,
Chairman.

HORATIO BECK,
JAMES COUDY.

Which was read, and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Boyer from a Select Committee, reported favorably a bill entitled an Act to repeal sections one hundred and twenty-four and one hundred and thirty of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the corporate authorities of the town of Millington in Kent county, and to enact a substitute for said sections.

Which was read a first time.