

body in reference to the case of the Honorable Philip F. Thomas, United States Senator from this State.

THOMAS SWANN,
Governor.

With accompanying papers :

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER,
WASHINGTON, February 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 obedient servant,
(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 : J. W. FORNEY,
Secretary.

Mr. Syester submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

February 21, 1868.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of three members on the part of this House and two on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration the message of the Executive, and accompanying papers, relative to the election of the Honorable Philip Francis Thomas to the Senate of the United States, and have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Syester, Stewart, of Dorchester, and Blake.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.