

mittee to inform him of his election as Treasurer, and the response of the Treasurer elect thereto :

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, Feb. 15, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate and

House of Delegates:

The Committee appointed by the joint action of your Honorable Bodies to inform me officially of my election as Treasurer of Maryland, performed that duty by handing me the enclosed complimentary note, which I desire shall be read to your Honorable Bodies.

JOHN MERRYMAN,
Treasurer.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Annapolis, Jan. 26th, 1870.

Hon. John Merryman,

SIR:—The very agreeable duty has been assigned us by the General Assembly of Maryland, of notifying you, officially, of your election as Treasurer of the State, for the ensuing term of two years, after your qualification.

Allow us to congratulate you upon this merited mark of respect and distinction conferred by the representatives of your fellow citizens, and at the same time to express our satisfaction that the management of the monetary affairs of our State has been confided to such good and competent hands.

We are, with assurances of the greatest esteem, both officially and personally, your fellow citizens,

JAS. C. CLARKE,
E. J. HENKLE,
LEWIS TURNER, Jr.,
J. M. STREETT,
JAS. WEBB,
A. P. GORMAN.

RESPONSE OF MR. MERRYMAN.

Messrs Chairman, and

Gentlemen of the Committee:

In returning my thanks for the kind terms in which you have been pleased to convey to me, the official intelligence of my election to the State Treasurer, permit me to say that I bring to the performance of the duties of the office no feeling of the partisan and no purpose of hostility to any interest of this State. It will be my endeavor to discharge the duties devolving upon me with the sole view of promoting the prosperity of all the great works of our mother State, so that every section may reap equally the blessings and benefits which follow the progressive spirit of public improvements. I consider it the duty of the Board of Public Works to foster