

and promote, by all legitimate means, the Internal Improvements of the State, and to that end my best efforts, as a member of that Board, will be freely given. The moral and political influence of railroads, as exhibited in other States, has not been of such a character as to impress Marylanders with the desire to see our State brought under the domination of any corporation. Against the influence of any railroad, beyond its legitimate and proper business as public carriers, I shall at all times exert whatever power and influence I may possess. I shall be equally ready and prompt to advance, to the best of my ability, the material interests of all of our internal improvements. The partisan of none, I am the friend of all. Accept my thanks, gentlemen, for your kind wishes, and convey to your respective Houses the acceptance of the honor they have conferred upon me.

Which were severally read, and

On motion of Mr. Turner,

Were ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Also,

The following invitation :

PEABODY INSTITUTE,

Baltimore, Feb. 12, 1870.

*To the Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:*

You are invited to be present at the Eulogy on the life and character of the late George Peabody, to be delivered by S. Teackle Wallis, Esq., in the Hall of the Institute, on Friday, Feb. 18th, at 12 o'clock, noon.

GEO. WM. BROWN,

JOSEPH CUSHING, JR.,

THOMAS DONALDSON,

*Committee of Peabody Institute.*

Which was read.

Mr. Streett moved that the invitation be accepted.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following message as a substitute for the motion submitted by Mr. Streett:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

Feb. 16, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Committee, consisting of three on the part of this House, and two on the part of the Senate, to invite the Hon. S. Teackle Wallis to repeat his "Eulogy on the life and character of George Peabody," in the Hall of the House of Delegates, before the Governor, Court of Appeals