

I was duly elected, by the General Assembly, a Senator in the Congress of the United States, to represent the State of Maryland, for six years from the 4th of March, 1875.

No citizen of Maryland could fail to estimate most highly the tender of this important trust, and I beg you to believe, it comes to me, freighted with double honor, bearing with it, as it does, the assurance, that the feeble service I have rendered my native State, as its Chief Magistrate, has met the approval of the representatives of its people.

Recognising the right of my fellow citizens to transfer my labors to another field of duty, and gratified beyond expression at their partiality, I accept the post of Senator.

A child of Maryland, I trust, I shall never lose sight of her honor nor fail to seize every opportunity to advance her interests, while, as her representative, I shall hold true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and be faithful to the Federal Compact, lending my best energies to promote the prosperity and happiness of all sections of our common country.

In accepting the distinguished position now conferred upon me, I feel it to be my duty, at once, to resign the office, to which I was called, two years ago, by a generous and confident constituency, in order that the General Assembly may, in conformity with the terms of the Constitution, elect my successor. I have, therefore, filed, this day, in the Office of the Secretary of State, my formal resignation of the Office of Governor, to take effect at 12 o'clock, meridian, on Wednesday, the 4th day of March, 1874. In separating from my official associates and from the members of the two Houses of the Assembly, I cannot forego the expression of my deep regret, but I shall look back upon my connection with them, with sincere affection and gratitude.

To you personally, gentlemen, I beg to present my thanks for the flattering and generous manner, in which you have conveyed to me, intelligence of the action of the Legislature.

I am, with high regard, faithfully,

Your friend and servant,

WM. PINKNEY WHYTE.

Which was read and

On motion by Mr. Stevens,

Ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message: