

Personally, I must be excused for availing myself of this opportunity to express my hearty appreciation of the courtesy and kindness, that have been extended me by my brother Senators, since my connection with this body, and as the term of service is about to expire, for which I have been elected by a generous constituency, it is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that I bear testimony to the dignified tone, and manly bearing that have been manifested by the Maryland gentlemen who have occupied, during the Sessions of '72 and '74, chairs in this chamber so replete with historical associations and precious memories.

May we not pray that from this chamber, shall go forth something of the spirit of courtesy and kind forbearance, that have reigned here, to the meetings which our political parties shall hereafter hold, that may mitigate the acerbities of their political discussions, and tend to excite a chivalric feeling in the treatment of political opponents. May we not hope that we can contribute some little to the banishment of personal abuse from the field of partisan politics, and to the recognition of the same rules of courtesy on the hustings that hold in the intercourse of gentlemen!

But the pendulum relentlessly continues its vibrations, and the minute hand steadily moves on towards the hour of parting, when the session of '74 shall cease to be a present reality, and become a portion of the history of the State, and I dare not claim more of the short time yet left us. May He, who holds the destinies of all in His hands, bring us safely to our dear ones at home, and preserve us and ours amid all the future vicissitudes of life! May He give us strength and courage to do whatever may be our duty, with a heart unmoved by any fear save that of doing wrong!

The House bill entitled an Act to repeal section 12 of Article LXIV. of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Mortgages," and to re-enact the same with amendments,

Was read the third time and passed, with proposed amendments, by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Aydelott,	Getty,
Blake,	Knight,
Brewer,	Lloyd,
Billingsley,	Mudd,
Brattan,	McCulloh,
Crawford,	Stevens,
Claggett,	Spencer,
Davis,	Suit,
Earle,	Tuck,
Fields,	Walsh—20.

NEGATIVE.—None.