

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26th, 1874.

*Hon. John Lee Carroll,**President of the Senate :*

SIR:—You are hereby respectfully requested to extend an invitation to the Senate of the State of Maryland, to participate in the meeting in behalf of the Centennial Celebration of American Independence, to be held at Concordia Opera House, in this city, as per enclosed notice.

It is expected that the President of the United States, Heads of Departments, United States Senators, and Members of the House of Representatives, Judges of the Supreme Court, and other distinguished gentlemen will be present.

Addresses will be delivered by leading members of the Centennial Commission, from Philadelphia, and also from the Senate and House of Representatives.

As Maryland is one of the original thirteen States, she is expected to take a prominent part.

We sincerely trust your Honorable Body will find it convenient to be present.

Very respectfully,

OTIS KEILHOLTZ, Chairman,
 SAML. M. SHUEMAKER,
 S. SPRIGG BELT,
 JAMES A. GAREY,
 HENRY JAMES,
 J. H. B. LATROBE,
 J. HALL PLEASANTS,
 GEORGE S. BROWN,
 JOHN R. SEEMULLER,
 S. TEACKLE WALLIS,
 WILLIAM H. CORNER,

Committee on Invitations and Receptions.

Which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Earle, it was

Ordered, That the President of the Senate, on behalf of its members, accept the invitation to attend the meeting, to be held in the Hall of Concordia Opera House, Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock, P. M., on the subject of the Centennial Commission, and in accepting the invitation, the President is