

conferred upon me, and that I will perform its duties with fidelity and zeal.

I thank each and all of you for the kindly manner in which you have communicated to me the action of the Legislature.

Very truly and sincerely yours,

A. P. GORMAN.

To the Hon. J. P. Gorter and Levin L. Waters, Committee on part of the Senate, Hon. Martin R. Joyce, James G. Berret and Conway W. Sams, Committee on the part of the House of Delegates.

Ordered spread on journal, and committee discharged with the thanks of the House.

Mr. Collins from Special Joint Committee, submitted the following report:

The Joint Committee of the two Houses of the General Assembly appointed to notify Hon. Charles H. Gibson of his election to the Senate of the United States, for the unexpired term of the late Hon. E. K. Wilson, respectfully report, that on the 27th day of January they visited Senator Gibson and performed the duty they had in charge, and have received from him the following letter:

Your Committee recommend that this report be spread in extenso upon the Journal of the Houses.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. COLLINS,
M. E. BRENNAN,
B. L. SMITH,

On the part of the House of Delegates.

UNITED STATES SENATE,

Washington, D. C., February 1st, 1892.

To the Honorable Senators Wirt and Bennett, on the part of the Senate, and Honorable Members House of Delegates, Collins, Smith and Brennan, on the part of the House, of the General Assembly of Maryland, Annapolis, Committee.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to communicate that I accept with the profoundest feeling of gratification, my election to the United States Senate, as the successor of the late Ephraim K. Wilson, as announced