

was exchanged. The Governor went to see Lincoln. As soon as the President saw him, he asked: "What can I do for Governor Pratt?" He had recollected him from the famous repudiation times and contest. The Governor made his request. "What will the newspapers say?" queried Lincoln, as he pondered over the annullment of a general order for a special case. "Never mind the newspapers," suggested Governor Pratt. Lincoln did not mind the newspapers to serve so great a man, wrote out the order to Secretary Stanton, and the son came to Annapolis and stayed until exchanged.

It is for the representatives of the Freemen of Maryland, in the General Assembly of January session, 1904, bone and sinew of the same men and members who made Pratt's great work possible,—for the illustrious names in those assemblies that aided him in his stupendous undertaking, are repeated from assembly to assembly to this day,—to redeem our grand commonwealth from the reproach of this ungrateful neglect.

And now, sir, the imperishable work of Thomas G. Pratt remains—the stainless honor of our State and the unimpaired credit of its word—the corner stone of our financial prosperity, but he sleeps as many a hero in the battle, almost under the very shadow of this ancient and historic State House, wrapped in the mantle of his illustrious virtues and exalted character, without so much as a shapeless stone to mark the spot where rest his sacred ashes.

Sir, Key's memory has been preserved in enduring granite; Howard's martial face speaks from glowing canvas; Taney lives in animated bronze, but he who accomplished a work greater than poet, warrior, and jurist, lies unhonored and unsung amid the ivy and myrtle of old St. Anne's Church yard on the Severn, a profound accentuation of the sad truth that Republics are ungrateful to those who make Republics great.

Mr. Speaker, the introduction of this bill and the elucidation of its merit has been, a labor of love. It may be regarded by some as an act inspired by sentiment, but when reduced to its last analysis it will be