

nation accords it was a gallant line. The bones of her sleeping children upon every historic field, is the evidence of her interest in patriotism. In the councils of the nation the records of her son have been for manliness and conservatism; when the mad billows of sectional strife, ever beating wildly against the bulwarks of the Constitution and threatening to undermine them, let it be known that the voice of Mr. Johnson was heard above the fury of the storm, chiding the tempest and bidding a nation protect the landmarks of a sacred past. Cynicism says that republics are forgetful and ungrateful, but facts prove that men who are correct in life, firm in purpose, pure in patriotism, link themselves by these conditions to immortality of remembrance through the generous estimation of grateful hearts. Why, Mr. Speaker, we have the grand old chieftain before us, (points to Washington's picture (that hangs over the lobby) who has gone to rest. "His companions are angels, God thought it best, A home with the just ones, is a fit recompense, Our Washington will be remembered a thousand years hence."

On the tented field of strife Maryland had a gallant line; in the councils of the nation her record is for conservatism; in the world of honor and national estimation she proudly points to Pinkney, Paca, Storey, Taney and Carroll. With these the record was full, but when we mournfully add the name of Reverdy Johnson, it is complete.

The message was then unanimously adopted and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

February 11th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message, proposing that suitable honors be rendered to the memory of the late Hon. Reverdy Johnson, by an attendance of both Houses upon the conveyance of the remains to the depot to-day, and also proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee to take proper action in respect to his eminent and distinguished services, and of the exalted appreciation of his character and virtues, and respectfully concur therein:

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Stevens and Steiner.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Chaisty, the House adjourned.