

the commencement of the present session. These portraits were copied by an accomplished Maryland artist, and forwarded to the "Committee for the restoration of the Hall of Independence in Philadelphia."

The Select and Common Council of Philadelphia acknowledged the receipt of the contribution by a vote of thanks to Governor Groome, and through him to the State of Maryland. They sent him a copy of their official action, handsomely engrossed and framed, the receipt of which was mentioned by my predecessor in his executive message, although the resolutions themselves have not been officially communicated to the General Assembly.

I now transmit to you these resolutions in the form they were received, desiring they may also be communicated to the House of Delegates.

JOHN LEE CARROLL.

As also the following resolutions named therein:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

To Governor Groome and the State of Maryland:

RESOLVED, By the Select and Common Councils of the City Philadelphia, that the portraits of Thomas Stone, William Paca and Thomas Johnson, Governors of Maryland, and three of the foremost patriots of the Revolution, be accepted and placed in Independence Chamber, in the places reserved for them by the Committee on Restoration, &c.

That the thanks of the corporation of the City of Philadelphia are due, and are hereby cordially tendered to his Excellency, Governor James Black Groome, and through him to the State of Maryland, for their munificent contribution to the National Portrait Gallery of Independence Hall.

A. WILSON H. ENSLEY,
President of Common Council.

Attest:
JOS. H. PAIST,
Clerk of Select Council.

R. W. DOWNING,
President of Select Council.

[Seal's Place.]

W. S. STOKLEY,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Deposited in Independence Chamber.

FRANK M. ETTING,
Chairman of Committee on Restoration, &c.

Which were severally read.

Also, returned

The bill entitled a further supplement to an Act passed at December Session, 1825, entitled an Act to incorporate the