The immense results which hung upon his decision and bearing in this fearful crisis—results affecting not Maryland merely, but the destiny of the whole nation, it is impossible even now, Sir, properly to estimate. When the passions and prejudices and jealousies of the hour shall have passed away— when the actions of men can be viewed in the calm, steady, truthful light of history among the names posterity will delight to honor and to cherish, few will be remembered with more gratitude than that of Governor Hicks.

Mr. Carroll submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

Feburary 13th, 1865.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

Intelligence has just reached this Body that Ex-Governor Hicks, at present one of the Senators of this State in the Senate of the United States, departed this life in the city of Washington, this morning, at 7 o'clock.

The relation held by the deceased to the State of Maryland at the time of his death, his former connection with it as its Chief Executive, and the high place he held in the affections of its people, all demand that some suitable proceedings, such as the occasion suggests, should be immediately had by the General Assembly. With that view, we propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that a Joint committee of five on the part of the House of Delegates, and three on the part of the Senate, be immediately appointed to recommend such proceedings as they may deem expedient, expressive of the sense of the Legislature upon this melancholy event, and as soon as said committee is appointed we further propose, as another token of our respect for the deceased, an immediate adjournment.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Carroll, Ohr and Clarke.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message :