

Said resolutions was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Carroll from the Joint committee submitted the following report:

The Joint committee charged with the duty of recommending such proceedings as they may deem expedient, expressive of the sense of the Legislature upon the melancholy event of the death of Senator Thomas Holliday Hicks, beg leave to submit the following report:

The decree of an inscrutable but all wise Providence, having suddenly summoned from amongst us, our distinguished fellow citizen, Thomas Holliday Hicks, it is proper, that we the representatives of the State, with which he has for so many years sustained such intimate and important relations, should give some expression of our sense of the public sorrow which the event will awaken, and the public loss it will unavoidably occasion.

The life and history of our departed friend, must illustrate better than any resolution we can adopt, the excellence of his character, as well as the value of those political institutions, to the support of which his life was assiduously devoted. Unassisted by any of those adventitious aids usually deemed essential to political success, by the native strength of his intellect and an unswerving firmness of purpose and integrity of character, that distinguished him through life, he attained positions of which the most cultivated intellects and the loftiest ambition might have been justly proud. For many years a member of the General Assembly of the State, afterwards for a term of four years occupying its Gubernatorial Chair, and at the time of his death, a member of the Senate of the United States, he evinced in all these positions such traits of character, as rendered him a most valuable public officer, and in some of them enabled him so to serve the State, that his memory will long be cherished by her citizens as one of their most faithful benefactors.

United with those qualities which insured his success as a public officer, were those kind hearted and generous traits that endeared him in the affectionate regards of a host of personal friends.

The death of such an individual at any time, must be a subject of deep personal regret while occurring as it does at this eventful period of our national career, is a lamentable public loss.

To mark our sense of such a bereavement—

Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,—That in the death of Thomas Holliday Hicks, the