

land, or ought that would disqualify me from a seat in your Honorable Body. This I do not *ask* as a favor, but *demand* as a right.

I have endeavored to present to you a plain, succinct and unvarnished statement of my arrest and imprisonment. The statement I have thus given explains why the chair of the Senator from Baltimore county is without an occupant, and why the county of Baltimore is voiceless and unrepresented in a co-ordinate branch of the Legislature.

It remains, therefore, with the Senate of Maryland to take such action in the premises as it may deem due to its own dignity, to the rights of one of its members, to the constituency he is commissioned to represent, to the cause of free, constitutional government, and to an injured and suffering citizen of the State.

With sentiments of respect, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW A. LYNCH.

December 3, 1861.

The Senate adjourned.

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TUESDAY, December 10th, 1861.

John S. Watkins, the Senator for Howard county, and Franklin Whitaker, the Senator for Harford county, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Bayne submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, Maryland in her recent election has dispelled the incubus which has been impending for some months past,