

SATURDAY, March 8th, 4½ P. M., 1862.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication :

ANNAPOLIS, March 7th, 1862.

*Gentlemen* :—Your communication of yesterday, advising me of my having been elected on the 5th instant a Senator of the United States from the State of Maryland, for a term of six years from the 4th of March, 1863, is received.

I accept the trust confided to me, in itself, at all times, important, but especially so at this period of our country's trial, with a full sense of its difficulty, and with but a hope that I may prove able to discharge it to the satisfaction of our people.

One thing I can promise and do promise, that I will devote myself to the duty it involves, and do all which that may enable me, to arrest the causeless rebellion so afflicting to the good and patriotic of all sections, and to heal the dissensions now so much disturbing our harmony and impairing our reputation with the other nations of the world.

Gratefully sensible of the confidence of the Legislature, and of the kind and friendly feelings which you individually express for me,

I remain,

With high regard,

Your ob't serv't,

REVERDY JOHNSON.

To the Honorable JOHN S. PERRY,

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The Honorable HENRY H. GOLDSBOROUGH,

President of the Senate.

Which was read.

The bill entitled, An act to amend the 268th section of the 93d article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the accounts and payments into the Treasury of registers of wills ;

Was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Goldsborough, Pt.

Bayne,

Eichelberger,

Everett,

Firey,

Smith,

Townsend,

Waters,