

Warren, be released on resigning his office as Member of the Maryland State Senate, and taking the oath of allegiance to the Government, &c.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

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FORT WARREN, Dec. 16, 1861.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State:

SIR:—By the memorial addressed by me to the President of the Senate of Maryland, which was forwarded to you and by you transmitted to the Governor of Maryland, by whom it was laid before the Body for whose consideration it was intended, you fully understand my position. That memorial was entered upon the Journals of the Senate, and referred to the committee on Federal Relations of that Body. A report will doubtless soon be made upon it by that committee, when my case will come up for the consideration of the Senate. It is a case which involves my rights as a member of the Senate and as a citizen of the State of Maryland, and concerns my character both as a public man and a private individual. I claim as a right, and as but a measure of common justice, to be personally present, and to be heard by my peers, when matters of such vast moment to me in all the relations to which I have above adverted, shall come up for their action. I, therefore, request that you will grant me a parole, by which I may take my seat as a Senator of Maryland, and have an opportunity to vindicate myself before a Body certainly not partial to me, and yet before which I will fearlessly appear and submit my public conduct and political action to the severest scrutiny which even my opponents can institute, confident that I shall come out of the ordeal freed from all suspicion of the slightest act inconsistent with the character of a good citizen and an honest man.

I would add, as a further reason for my being discharged upon parole, the necessities of my private business, which have been deemed by you, in the cases of several of my late fellow-prisoners from the State of Maryland, good cause for their discharge upon parole. In my own case, a necessity the most urgent is presented, in the fact that my attorney, Benjamin M. Heighe, late of the city of Baltimore, who had charge of my business, in the leasing of a large number of buildings and the collection of the rents, as well as in making my collections generally, has died within a few weeks past, and since