

NATIONAL HOTEL,

Washington, January 14, 1864.

*To the Hon. the Speaker**of the House of Delegates,**and the Hon. the President**of the Senate,*

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your joint communication, made in conformity to the requirements of a resolution of the Legislature, officially informing me that I have been "duly elected a Senator of the United States, to fill the unexpired term of the late Hon. James A. Pearce."

I beg, gentlemen, that you will accept my thanks for the very polite manner in which you have conveyed to me the announcement of the honor thus conferred, and that you will tender to the honorable bodies over which you respectively preside my profound acknowledgment for the distinguished compliment received at their hands, with the assurance that my best efforts shall be devoted to the service of my State and country in the responsible station to which I have been called by their favor.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be

your ob't servant,

THOS. H. HICKS.

Which was read,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

It was ordered to be entered upon the journal.

Mr. Stockbridge presented a petition from Peregrine Gorsuch, in behalf of himself and Francis Gallagher, for payment of arrears of salary as clerks of the Superior Court of Baltimore city ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Jones presented a petition from Job Haines, a clerk in the office of the Comptroller of Maryland, asking additional compensation ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Gantz presented a petition from Daniel M. Moore, chief clerk to the Comptroller, asking additional compensation ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.