

as they may deem adequate to the services rendered,
 Thomas H. Hicks

House of Delegates
 July 13th 1860

To His Excellency
 Gov. Hicks.

The undersigned committee appointed by the House of Delegates to inquire of your Excellency whether "your Excellency's Congratulations were presented at all" to Mr Pennington upon his election to the distinguished position of Speaker of the House of Representatives; and if so, whether privately or officially.

The Committee herewith enclose your Excellency a Certified Copy of the Preamble and Resolutions as found on the Journal of the House.

The Committee decline making any comment, hoping your Excellency will tender the explanation so much desired.

With the highest regard
 The Committee subscribe themselves

Respectfully yours
 G. W. Goldsborough
 C. W. Jacobs
 D. W. Nail.

By the House of Delegates
 February 9th 1860.

Whereas it appears from the Public Press of the Country that the Governor of Maryland has placed this State in a false position by presenting his Congratulations to Mr Pennington of New Jersey, a Black Republican, upon his election to the distinguished position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, it is therefore

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Speaker of this House, to inquire of His Excellency Governor Hicks, whether his Congratulations were presented at all, and if so whether privately or officially. And Messrs Goldsborough, Jacobs and Nail, were constituted said Committee.

By Order

Milton G. Kidd
 Chief Clerk.