

24, nays 25, every Senator elect being present and voting except the two from Maryland. Had either of the Maryland Senators been present, and opposed the confirmation, it would have been defeated, as there would have been a tie, and it requires a majority to confirm.

The Hon. J. L. Kerr, in his communication to this committee, comments upon a charge, which he says is abroad, that the Maryland Senators purposely absented themselves in order to secure General Wool's nomination. This committee would hesitate long before they would believe, that a Maryland Senator could be guilty of so disgraceful an act, and they make no such charge; but, your committee regret deeply, that when a vote was to be taken of such vital importance to Gen. Towson, his rank and services, all the Senators should have been present and voting except the two from Maryland, and they deplore the fact, that the motion to lay Gen. Wool's nomination upon the table should have been lost by the absence of the two Senators from Gen. Towson's native State, a State jealous of the rights of her favourite son, whose gallant career on the Canada line reflected so much glory upon her in the last war. His services form a large portion of the history of his country, and his name, whenever it occurs, is ever to be found on a bright page of that history.

The committee recommend respectfully the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved, by the House of Delegates of Maryland, That this House think it necessary, at this time, to declare that they are fully sensible of, and can never forget, the rank, services and talents of General Nathan Towson.*

All of which is respectfully submitted, &c.

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