

life of the man, and no one should be allowed to assume a name honored by another against that other's will.

In the case before your Committee, Charles Carroll McTavish desires to assume a name that has been highly distinguished in the history of the country, and by the noble patriotism of those who have borne it, made it especially dear to Maryland. It is identified with her earliest history, and must live in unfading honor upon the charter of American liberty. Those to whom it belongs by inheritance, though desired by many to take the designation given to it by the signer of the Declaration of Independence, have declined to do so, and left it alone, the pride and honor and property of Maryland.

The Committee must confess some surprise at finding that he who proposes to assume this name is the son of a British Consul, was elected a member of the British Parliament from the town of Dundalk, in Ireland, that he sat in said Parliament, and that he has represented her Britanic Majesty in the diplomatic department of the Court of Saint Cloud and the Sublime Porte.

Your Committee think, with all respect, that such a name should at least be preserved sacred to the country it has honored, and if the House did not owe the prompt rejection of Mr. McTavish's application to the present and to reason, they owe it to gratitude and the past.

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