

ANNAPOLIS, April 6th, 1874.

*Hon. John Lee Carroll,**President of the Senate:*

DEAR SIR:—I herewith tender my resignation as Senator from the Third Legislative District of Baltimore city.

In severing my official connection with my fellow Senators, I must be permitted to assure them, one and all, of my sincere and heartfelt regret. For eight years I have enjoyed a seat on the floor of the Senate, and my associations have ever been of the most agreeable and pleasant character, both officially and socially, and will ever be kept in lively remembrance.

My kindest wishes will ever accompany each Senator, both personally and officially.

I am, dear sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ISAAC M. DENSON.

The President appointed the Hon. John Carroll Walsh to fill the vacancy on the Engrossing Committee, caused by the resignation of the Hon. Isaac M. Denson.

The hour of midnight having arrived,

The President arose and said:

My Fellow Members of the Senate:

In rising to express to you the few parting words which my promptings as your associate would most naturally suggest, I would not, if I could, suppress the feelings that rise within me, as the past moments of our official intercourse now hasten to their close. It has been but three short months since we assembled in these halls, many of us strangers to each other, with scarcely a tie in common but the bond of service to our honored State, which we pledged mutually to fulfil.

In this brief space of time, we have had our full and active share in the excitements consequent upon a Legislative Session; have rejoiced at the adoption of measures which we took to heart, and, perhaps, have also felt the sting of disappointment at the loss of those on which our greatest labors were bestowed.

The records of the Session are now before the people who entrusted us with its important duties; our actions and our motives are to be passed upon by them, and it is not for us to say what may be their verdict. Most sincerely do I congratulate you upon the harmony that has prevailed, and most