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Fellow Citizens of the Senate
and House of Delegates.

Your present session, is the
first, which succeeding ages
will find noted in the an-
nals of the history of the State
of Maryland in Liberia.
The tender plant which was
set in the earth over twenty
years ago, and whose feeble-
ness required shelter, nurs-
ing and protection against
the too forcible and overpow-
ering influences of external ele-
ments, has thrown off its veil,
and now stands unmasked in
the light of the noonday sun.
Unshackled by foreign powers,
and respected by friends and

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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