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Sir

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I have hitherto delayed answering your polite Letter, notifying my appointment to a seat in the Senate, from a hope that the obstacles which at first view presented themselves to my accepting that honour, might on deliberation be surmounted: and I do with a degree of pain proportioned to the satisfaction I should have had in the society of Gentlemen who on this occasion have added a new claim to my attachment, that I am at length compelled by accumulated impediments to decline the honor so cordially tendered — In doing this I am anxious also that the Senate should be convinced that my determination

I have the honor to be with perfect consideration

Sir

Your Mo. Obed.t & Mo. Hble Serv.t

Tho. S. Lee

Genl Hustle

President of the Senate

of Maryland

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