

I submit the questions herein presented to your judgment, without further comment.

With this record, which certainly more than fulfils every promise which I have made in connection with my tenure as Comptroller, I feel that I can retire from the station to which I was called four years ago by a generous people, with the consciousness of having rendered some service to my State. I would have been willing to have continued the work of tax reduction, by refunding the sterling debt held abroad, at the low rate of interest which the credit of the State now assures, yet, the gentleman, into whose hands these duties have fallen, is not only worthy of the honor, but whose large business experience justifies me in making the prediction, that the finances of the State will not suffer in his hands.

This excellent exhibit which I am able to make of the fiscal affairs of our State, is in a great measure owing to the good judgment and financial ability of my associate in the treasury department, as well as to the efficiency and promptness of the gentlemen, who have held positions under me, in the office of Comptroller, and it gives me great pleasure to accord their due to them in this public manner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. FRANK TURNER,
Comptroller.