

the kindness of my friends in bestowing it upon me without even the usual holding of a caucus, and without a competitor from our party, is most gratefully appreciated.

I accept the important trust to which I have been called under such gratifying circumstances, and shall faithfully and diligently strive to discharge the duties of the office in such a way as to protect and promote the best interest of the State, and to meet the approval and confidence of my fellow citizens.

I thank you very heartily for your cordial expressions of good will and for the kind words in which you have informed me of my election.

And I beg that you will convey to the General Assembly my high and grateful sense of the distinction with which they have been so good as to honor me.

Very respectfully,

MURRAY VANDIVER.

To Hon. A. L. Crothers,
 Hon. S. A. Williams.
 Hon. Noble L. Mitchell,
 Hon. H. D. Wolfe,
 Hon. Charles G. Biggs.

We recommend that this Report be entered in full on the Journal of the two Houses.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
 S. A. WILLIAMS,

Committee on the part of the Senate.

NOBLE L. MITCHELL,
 HUMPHREY D. WOLFE,
 CHAS. G. BIGGS,

Committee on the part of the House of Delegates.

Which was read, adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

The Secretary of the Senate appeared and delivered the following:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Joint resolution authorizing the destruction of so many of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State