

bly, is one of high honor and large responsibility, and 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.

Which was read, and ordered spread on the Journal.

BILLS—THIRD READING.

Senate bill entitled "An Act to repeal section 296, of Article 23, of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Corporations,' sub-title 'Process,' as amended by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1892, chapter 601, and re-enact the same with amendments."

Was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Applegarth,	Marsh,
Baker,	Messick,
Betts,	Putzel,
Bouc,	Ravenscroft,
Brewington,	Rohrback,
Crothers,	Wilkinson,