

1 improvement in which in the middle part of the 19th
2 Century the state invested so heavily and so unwisely.

3 All of the modern powers exercised by the Board,
4 every one, as I understand it, were granted to them
5 by the legislature, so that to call this a Constitutional
6 Board, a Board of Constitutional establishment is
7 really a misnomer; it is a Board which as mentioned was
8 set up in the Constitution for an entirely different pur-
9 pose , and which has now been used as a catch-all
10 in various categories by the legislature over the years
11 and I suggest that one possible reason why this Board
12 has been utilized may have been political, because since
13 the turn of the century we have had four Republican
14 Governors, but the legislature throughout all of those
15 governorships has been democratic and so has the
16 Comptroller, so that the check and balance which was
17 properly set up to continue the democratic establishment
18 in running the state, it has been done all these years.
19 But it has resulted in factional strife by dividing the
20 executive authority, and I suggest resulted in a political
21 impact in that direction also somewhat what you might