

To be again selected by the representative men of my State, under all the circumstances and complications, is truly gratifying to me, especially when it is known and admitted that my honorable competitor was one of the most popular and elegant gentlemen of this State.

I am at a loss to find words sufficiently strong to express the gratitude and emotions which I feel on this occasion, but permit me to say I do sincerely thank you, from my inmost heart, for the very high honor and compliment you have paid me; for the approval of my official acts since I have been Treasurer; for the approval of my convictions of right and duty toward the citizens of my native State, in lending my humble influence toward restoring every voter to the high and inestimable privilege of citizenship; and, above all, in that you have sustained me, by recognizing me as one of a noble party who has made common cause for the restoration of every State to a proper position in our once happy and glorious Union.

The Democratic Conservative party, by its patient faith, its devoted courage, its heroic acts, its unswerving fidelity to sound principles, has achieved within the past year unparalleled success.

The issues which were presented to us, were well calculated to nerve the heart and energy of every honest and fair minded man. They were, whether this great country was to be ruled by the white race, or be placed under the controlling influence of the uneducated descendants of Africans. This was and is yet the issue.

I beg again, gentlemen, to tender to you, one and all, my deepest gratitude for this renewal of your confidence, and promise that the State shall have the benefit of my humble ability and efforts in every possible way that can be suggested in order to promote and develop her interest.

I accept the office again, with its honors and responsibilities, and shall endeavor in the future, as in the past, to merit and deserve the confidence of the people of my State.

Again thanking you, I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

ROBERT FOWLER,

Treasurer.

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Worcester,

Ordered to be entered on the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Harig,

At 2½ o'clock, P. M., the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock A. M.