

Gadd, Gill, Gorman, Greenwell, Griffith, Kirwan, Lewis, McCullough, Moore, Palmer, Perkins, Robinson, Roe, Thomas, Wilson, Young—25.

The Journal of Wednesday, February 3rd, 1904, was read and approved.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

Mr. Brewin⁵on laid before the Senate the acknowledgment of Hon. Murray Vandiver, of his election as Treasurer of the State of Maryland, and which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

ANNAPOLIS, February, 4, 1904.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee:

I thank you very heartily for the kind words with which you formally make known to me my election for the third time to the responsible office of State Treasurer, and I accept with grateful sensibility this renewed evidence of the confidence and esteem of the General Assembly.

An experience of four years has given me familiarity with the duties of the office and made me fully acquainted with the financial condition and resources of the State, and in entering upon another term of labor and responsibility, it is a great gratification to know and to be able to say that the condition of the treasury is all that can reasonably be desired.

The recent message of Governor John Walter Smith and the report of Comptroller Joshua W. Hering give the details of our assets, resources and liabilities and furnish the welcome information that the State is now substantially out of debt.

You may rely upon my cordial co-operation with the Comptroller in the administration of the financial affairs of the State and upon our constant consultation with the Governor, and thus by watchfulness and care I shall do my best to prove my high appreciation of