

Plummer and William R Hughlett, having received a majority of the votes offered for Directors, were duly elected Directors of the Company, and that I. C. W. Powell, having received a majority of the votes offered for Treasurer, was duly elected Treasurer of the Company.

We do also further state, that we did at first decide that three hundred and thirty-five shares of stock held by the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company, which were offered to be voted by the President of the Company, for the officers above named, should not be received and counted; against which decision the said President did at the time protest, and requested the said protest to be entered on the record of the election, which was ordered to be done, and said protest will appear among the records of the said election. And we did further decide, that by the rejection of said votes the election was carried in favor of the opposing candidates, to wit: H. H. Goldsborough, for President, Samuel T. Hopkins, John Goldsborough, James Merrick, Henry Straughn, Henry Roussett, N. H. Coverdale and James Dixon, for Directors, and Reuben Tharp, for Treasurer, and did give a certificate to that effect—but that we did so decide and certify, under the impression that it was necessary for us to make an immediate decision, and were thereby precluded from an opportunity for such an investigation as the important legal question involved in said vote required—and we now declare and certify, that we have since maturely examined and considered the subject, and are fully satisfied that we have the right to review and correct our return, and being fully convinced that the votes so offered by the President were legal and ought to be counted, we have revised the said return, which has not yet been delivered to the Company or to its authorized officer, and have felt it our duty to declare the persons first above named to be duly elected the officers of the said Company for the year ensuing the said election.

Given under our hands and seals, this nineteenth day of December, 1861.

Test:—	ED. M. HARDCASTLE,	[Seal.]
WM. H. BROWNE.	WM. F. HAWKINS,	[Seal.]
	THOMAS C. NICOLS,	[Seal.]