

therein mentioned, are required to take and subscribe the oath of office before the Governor; and by the 10th section of the same article, it is provided that any person elected or appointed to office, who shall decline or neglect to take and subscribe the oath of office required by the Constitution within thirty days from the day when his Commission is received at the Clerk's office of the county, or when not sent to the Clerk, within thirty days after the officer receives his Commission or notice of his appointment, shall be deemed as refusing to accept the office. I am informed by the Clerk of Dorchester county Circuit Court, to whom the Commission of Levin E. Straughn, as Commissioner as aforesaid was forwarded, that said Commission was received at his office on 30th November last, and that Mr. Straughn qualified before him on 12th December following.

Considering such a qualification, in view of the requirement of the section of the Code first above quoted, a nullity, I deem the office vacant, and have submitted for your consideration the nomination aforesaid.

A. W. BRADFORD.

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On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The Senate advised and consented to the appointment of the several persons to hold civil commissions agreeably to the above nominations.

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

The Senate resumed the consideration of Legislative business.