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Charleston, West Va., December 1, 1871.

Hon.

Dear Sir: Having solicited your support for the position of Clerk of the House of Delegates, I would respectfully submit the following testimonials.

W. T. BURDETT.

WILSONBURGH, W. VA., Dec. 2, 1871.

I take great pleasure in recommending William T. Burdett to the members of the Legislature of this State as a candidate for re-election to the position of Clerk of the House. His competency has been fully manifested by the *prompt, faithful* and *accurate* manner in which he discharged the duties of that position last winter. In addition to being an original Democrat, he ranks first among the young men of his age in the State as a popular orator; and in the last gubernatorial campaign, by a general canvass, contributed much to the success of the Democratic party. His re-election would be a well-merited endorsement and compliment to him for his services in aid of his party.

BENJAMIN WILSON,

Member of the Convention from the Fourth Senatorial District.

WHEELING, W. VA., December 11, 1871.

To whom it may concern;

This is to certify that Wm. T. Burdett was Clerk of the last House of Delegates of West Virginia, and, as such, discharged all the duties of his position faithfully and efficiently.

By his courteous behavior to the Delegates, in the exercise of his employment, he won, as he deserved, the respect of all the members of the House.

E. G. CRACRAFT.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

WESTON, *December 4, 1871.*

W. T. BURDETT,

MY DEAR SIR: I trust you are laboring under a misapprehension in supposing that there is to be opposition to your re-election to the office of Clerk of the House of Delegates. It is not the habit of the Democratic party to displace experienced, faithful and competent officers, and it has been gratifying to me to observe that you belong to this class. Last winter it was the remark of the best parliamentarians that your clerkship was a success, that you performed its difficult duties with politeness, ease and dignity. These are merits rarely attained in so short a time. The arrangement and indexing of the acts of the Legislature is very creditable to you. I can scarcely think that your merits will not be appreciated, or that you will fail in a re-election, and that, too, without opposition.

Yours truly,

J. M. BENNETT.

PHILLIPPI, *December 9, 1871.*

W. T. BURDETT, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR: I take great pleasure in stating that I have known you since the Sabbath evening of May 12, 1861, where I met your honored father and started with him to the Convention at Wheeling, in which the concerted and harmonious action of a mass of us did so much towards founding the new State. My continued acquaintance with you since, with your acquirements, both classical and professional, and my observation of you last winter, as Clerk of the other branch of the legislative body than that in which I served, all lead me to doubt not but that you will make an excellent Clerk of the House of Delegates of West Virginia, and I therefore take this opportunity to give you my unqualified recommendation for that position.

I remain very truly,

Your obedient servant,

SPENCER DAYTON,

Senator from the Sixth District.

LONG RUN, WEST VA., *December 10, 1871.*

W. T. BURDETT, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR: It affords me pleasure to certify to your capacity to discharge the duties pertaining to the office of Clerk of the House of Delegates. As a member of one of the committees last winter, I had the opportunity to observe the manner in which you facilitated the

business of that body, and I think I can safely say, should the members see fit to re-elect you, they will not be disappointed in your faithfulness in, and fitness for, the position.

I hardly think they will reward the services you rendered the party in its darkest hour, of which I had some evidence in my own county, by turning you out.

Respectfully, &c.,

V. LANGFITT.

WESTON, *December 2, 1871.*

As chairman of the Committee on Education, of the last House of Delegates, I had occasion and opportunity to observe the manner in which W. T. Burdett, Esq., Clerk of the House, discharged his duties; and I cheerfully say that I regard him competent, faithful, prompt and courteous.

HENRY BRANNON.

