

11/21/73

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COLUMBIA

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WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that Reese A. Hubbard, Supervisor of Oconee County has been duly indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of Embezzlement and Official Misconduct in violation of the Laws of South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Hubbard is scheduled to be brought to trial pursuant to said indictment, and

WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am exercising the duty vested in me by Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution of South Carolina, ratified the 13th day of March, 1973, to wit:

Section 8. " . . . Any officer of the State or its political subdivisions, except members and officers of the Legislature and Judicial Branches, who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude or who has waived such indictment if permitted by law may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as may be provided by law."

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

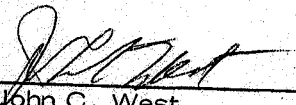
(1) The immediate suspension of Reese A. Hubbard from the office of Supervisor of Oconee County until such time as there is a final disposition of the charges against Supervisor Hubbard.

(2) The immediate assumption of the duties of the Office of Supervisor of Oconee County by James M. Phinney.


This action by me in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Supervisor Hubbard, as that matter is properly before a court of competent jurisdiction and shall be determined in accordance with the laws.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 21st day of November, 1973.

  
John C. West  
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:

  
O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State