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C.H. Lowder suspended
from office of Commissioner
of the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Commission.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Columbia

EXECUTIVE ORDER 75-16

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that Charles Henry Lowder, Commissioner of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of extortion in violation of the laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lowder is scheduled to be brought to trial pursuant to said indictment, and

WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I as Governor of South Carolina, am exercising the duty vested in me by Section 8 of Article VI of the Constitution of South Carolina and Section 50-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws to wit:

Section 8 provides in part . . . "Any officer of the State or its political subdivisions, except members and officers of the Legislative and Judicial Branches, who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude . . . 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."

Section 50-10. "Any state or county officer who is indicted in any court for any crime may, in the discretion of the Governor, be suspended by the Governor, who in event of suspension shall appoint another in his stead until he shall be acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant by the Governor and the vacancy filled as provided by law."

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Charles Henry Lowder is suspended from the office of Commissioner of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and from the performance of any duties or functions of that office.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the guilt or innocence of Charles Henry Lowder, 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 4th day of November, 1975.

James B. Edwards
Governor

ATTEST:

O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State