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I am taking the liberty to write you with respect to certain amendments to the Constitution that will be submitted to the voters of Virginia on November 8th.

So far as I have ascertained no opposition has been voiced to any of these amendments and they should not be confused with the other amendments to the Constitution proposed at the regular session of 1926 and the extra session of 1927, which must be again acted upon by the General Assembly of 1928, and if favorably acted upon will be submitted to the voters in November, 1928.

The three amendments to be voted on this Fall did not originate in my administration but in that of my predecessor. I regard all of these amendments as important, especially the amendment to section 186 permitting the Legislature to change the appropriation year so that the appropriation year and the fiscal year may be the same. This will greatly simplify the accounting system of the State.

I am taking the liberty to write you so as to submit this matter to you in the hope that you may support these amendments.

The form of the ballot will state the effect of each of the amendments, and will be as follows:

For the amendment of Section 22 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to exempt the wives and widows of veterans of the War Between the States from the payment of the State poll tax as a prerequisite to the right to register or vote.

"Against the amendment of Section 22 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to exempt the wives and widows of veterans of the War Between the States from the payment of the State poll tax as a prerequisite to the right to register or vote."