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January 4, 1989

Gordon W. Epperly
P. O. Box 34358
Juneau, Alaska 99803

Dear Mr. Epperly:

Your recent letter to Governor Baliles was referred to us for a reply. You will find enclosed copies of pages from the journals of the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia which you requested.

Few records of the General Assembly under the "restored government" of Virginia have survived. The journals of both the House and Senate do not record verbatim debates of those bodies. Contemporary newspaper accounts frequently contain valuable information but require careful examination since they are unindexed.

Congressional debates and reports on the Fourteenth Amendment are reprinted in The Reconstruction Amendments' Debates. A copy of the title page and table of contents is enclosed. Your local library may be able to obtain a copy of the volume through the interlibrary loan system if they do not have a copy in their collection. You may also be interested in an article by Richard G. Lowe, "Virginia's Reconstruction Convention: General Schofield Rates the Delegates," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, vol. 80 (1972), pp.341-360.

We hope this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ella Gaines Yates".

Ella Gaines Yates
State Librarian

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cc: Governor's Office

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Office of the Governor

Richmond 23219

December 14, 1989

Gerald L. Baliles
Governor

Mr. Gordon W. Epperly
Post Office Box 34358
Juneau, Alaska 99803

Dear Mr. Epperly:

Governor Baliles has asked me to thank you for your letter of December 2 seeking copies of official documents regarding the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The Governor has suggested that I forward your letter to Ella Gaines Yates, State Librarian, for her response to your inquiry.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "RBJ Jones".

Robert B. Jones, Jr.
Special Assistant

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cc: Ms. Ella Gaines Yates

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