



Commonwealth of Virginia.

GOVERNORS OFFICE

Richmond, Va. August 23rd 1887

My Dr Mr. Hope

The corner stone
of the "Lee Monument" will be
laid in Richmond on 25th
October

I express the wish of soldiers
& citizens everywhere, when I ask
you to deliver a poem during
the ceremonies - & that I
add my own earnest hope
that you be able to accept
this invitation.

I am yours sincerely
Fitzhugh Lee

Mr. Genl. James Hope
Norfolk

{ Reply. }

Copy. Norfolk, Va. Aug 27 '87

To Major General Fitzhugh Lee,
Governor of Virginia,
Executive Mansion,
Richmond

Your Excellency,

On my return from the mountains I found your letter of the 23^d, & with my thanks for the ~~information~~

terms in which you have expressed yourself, I by leave to say that I shall be proud & happy to execute your commands as far as I may be able so to do.

I am aware that a great honor has been conferred upon me & shall address myself to the duty assigned with a trepidation & self-distrust never felt to the same degree on any previous occasion.

With my sincere thanks to you & your colleagues,

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your friend & servant
James Baird Kifer.

Commonwealth of Virginia
VIRGINIA.



SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS.
Office of the Governor.
RICHMOND.

OFFICIAL



Capt. James Ganon Hope
Norfolk
Virginia

