



MATTHEW S. TULLY,  
County Treasurer.

No young man in Richmond county has been called upon to perform more responsible duties or has performed them with more credit to himself than County Treasurer Matthew S. Tully.

Mr. Tully, eldest son of the late County Treasurer James Tully, was born in New Brighton, Nov. 29th, 1865, and received a thorough education in the schools of the Island. At the early age of twenty-two he was appointed tax-receiver, and a few months later, on the death of his father, in February 1888, Mr. Tully being the eldest son, not only assumed charge of the large business left by his father, but was appointed county treasurer to serve out his father's unexpired term.

Before Mr. Tully's first term of office he had so fully demonstrated his ability and fitness for the office that he was made the regular Democratic nominee for re-election to the same office; and was the only candidate on the ticket who was elected. His campaign was a model one, being entirely free from "mud slinging."

Mr. Tully instituted a new system of handling the public moneys, whereby he can at any time, within a few moments, ascertain the exact financial condition of the county. He also arranged a list of back taxes which greatly facilitated their collector and brought over \$40,000 into the treasury. His business methods so pleased the board of supervisors, that, after auditing his accounts in 1890, they adopted a resolution complimenting him on his system of keeping the accounts of the office, and the correctness of his books.

In 1891, he was again given the Democratic nomination without opposition and easily won the victory over his opponent.

Very few persons are aware of the amount of money passing through this office. During the past seven years it has amounted to about \$2,500,000, the receipts of taxes and road money, are nearly \$400,000 annually, and so carefully have the books been kept that they show where every penny of this large amount has gone and for what it has been expended.

Mr. Tully has been as successful in his private business relations as in his official career.