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The collection includes one \$1000 bond, No. 503, dated 8 October 1862, one \$500 bond, No. 377, dated 8 October 1862, and one \$1000 bond, No. 3051, dated 20 January 1862, all signed by Robert TYLER, Register of the Treasury.

ROBERT TYLER (1818-1877)

Robert TYLER, son of President John TYLER and Letitia CHRISTIAN, was born 9 September 1818 at Cedar Grove in New Kent County, Virginia. He was educated at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, graduating in 1835. He received his law degree from the same institution in 1837. He practiced law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was active in politics, serving as chairman of the Democratic executive committee in 1858. He was also active in promoting the nominations of Franklin PIERCE in 1852 and of James BUCHANAN in 1856.

Robert TYLER married Priscilla COOPER, daughter of Thomas A. COOPER, in 1839.

During the presidency of John TYLER, Robert TYLER served as signer of patents and as the president's private secretary. In 1847, he was appointed sheriff's solicitor of Philadelphia. Later he was appointed to the Office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

When Virginia seceded from the Union in 1861, Robert TYLER removed to Richmond, Virginia, where he was appointed Register of the Treasury by President Jefferson DAVIS in 1861, in the place of Alexander B. CLITHERALL, who had resigned. TYLER served in that position throughout the war.

Following the Civil War, Robert TYLER moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where he became editor of the Mail and Express, and was chairman of the Democratic state central committee. He died 3 December 1877 in Montgomery.

[Lyon Gardiner Tyler, <u>Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography</u>, Vol. III (New York: Lewis Historical Publ., 1915), pp. 33-34; <u>Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States of America</u>, 1861-1865, Vol. I (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1904), p. 343.]