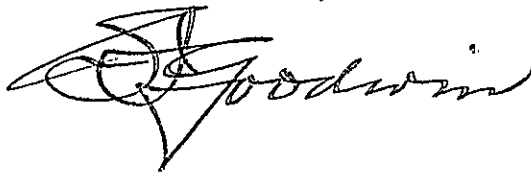


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but such it seems are the "fortunes of war and politics,"
for those who try to their duty .

May your return to private life bring you what-
ever success you may desire, and the memory of having
done your full duty, while Chief Executive of this State,
be a solace to you with no regrets. With the Seasons'
best greetings to yourself and family, is the wishes of
one desiring justice tempered with mercy. I am,

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Godwin". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.