

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

To the Honorable the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly...

I have endeavored, during my service, to guard against the commencement of a debt...

I regret exceedingly the necessity of announcing to you that the North Branch canal is not yet in full operation...

The aggregate receipts for the fiscal year of 1854, including loans and the balance...

The simple or ordinary operations of the Treasury for the same period were as follows...

The aggregate receipts on the public works for the past year, as reported by the Canal Commissioners...

Viewed in every respect, this exhibit is gratifying. Few similar systems of improvement in the country can present a more favorable picture...

The North Branch canal and the Columbia railroad also present favorable results. The business and tolls on the former have increased with marked regularity...

In my last message I gave my views at length, as to the principles and rules that should govern the management of State investments...

It is certainly the wish of many good citizens of the State—perhaps of a majority—that the public works should be sold...

It is usually said that the works should be sold to pay the public debts and to meet the necessities of the people...

The benefits resulting to the people from these improvements, have been numerous and diversified. They have facilitated trade and commerce...

The very first condition of such a measure should be, that the materials and the labor, be kept at all times in good order and in operating condition...

The administration of Gov. Shank commended the cancellation of the relief issues...

My opinions on all questions that concern the currency, have been known to the Legislature...

Every commercial country is liable to alternate seasons of excitement and depression...

Having been connected with the legislation which brought into legal existence, and clearly cognized of the motives and purposes which governed the Legislature...

The foregoing figures exhibit the astonishing fact that the Treasury has been annually paying over a million of dollars towards the construction of the public works...

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The 60th section of the act providing for the expenses of Government for 1855...

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