

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 new 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 in the Treasury...

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

No more reliable estimate of the operations of the Treasury for 1855 can be made...

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

The Delaware division makes a most gratifying exhibit. The gross receipts counted \$309,227...

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

for half the money. Nor would such a person complain that all the farms in the country, his was the least productive...

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...

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 machinery, be kept at all times in good order and in operating condition...

After a tedious and laborious investigation, I regret to perceive, that the accounts so far as they relate to the canal, are not correct...

My opinions on all questions that concern the currency, have been known to the Legislature and need not be given, at length, in this communication...

Having been connected with the legislation which brought into existence, and clearly cognized of the motives and purposes which governed the Legislature in imposing this condition on the grant...

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...

attentions to their proper business, with the profession of teachers, should not be able to honor and profit with the other learned professions...

And, surely, we may be permitted to hope, that the people will be induced to exert their influence in support of the public works...

The proper regulation of this subject greatly concerns the moral welfare of the people, and for that reason you are anxious to see it regulated...

As a scheme for correcting and reclaiming wayward and offending youth, the House of Refuge stands pre-eminent...

The Western House of Refuge situated on the Ohio river, a short distance below Pittsburg, I have recently visited, and am glad to say, it is well adapted to its purpose...

Neither of these buildings have, I presume, been erected without involving their projectors in pecuniary liability and perhaps loss...

Of the many obstacles in the way of the complete success of our common school system, the most important is the want of competent teachers...

The plan of granting permanent professional certificates, by officers skilled in the art of teaching, and eminent in literary and scientific attainments...

Normal schools, it is urged, could, in addition, to some extent, supply the deficiency, but the expenses of such an institution would be heavy...

The 60th section of the act providing for the expenses of Government for 1855, authorized and required the Governor to sell the State property at Philadelphia...

The public Librarian has called my attention to the fact, that the law for the sale of the State property at Philadelphia, has not been executed...

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