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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report on the condition of the Commonwealth for the year ending November 30, 1869, and to express my appreciation of the care and diligence with which it has been prepared.

At the commencement of the present administration in January, 1867, the total outstanding indebtedness of the State was thirty-seven million, four hundred and four thousand, four hundred and eighty-four cents. Since then, and up to November 30, 1869, the sum of four million, eight hundred and ninety-eight thousand, eight hundred and eighty-four cents have been paid, and at five per cent. the sum of \$244,493 44, in interest, is annually saved to the Commonwealth. Consequently, the total amount of indebtedness of the Commonwealth on November 30, 1869, was thirty-two million, five hundred and forty-four thousand, five hundred and eighty-four cents.

The reduction during the year ending November 30, 1869, amounts to four hundred and seventy thousand, four hundred and eighty-four cents. The assets remaining in the Sinking Fund are as follows, viz: Bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, three hundred thousand dollars. Agreeably to an act of the Legislature, passed March 18, 1869, the Fund Commissioners delivered all the obligations of the Sinking Fund mortgage bonds, to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, and secured thereon thirty-five second mortgage bonds of one hundred thousand dollars each, making in all three million, five hundred thousand dollars, excepted by the said Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, and guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Northern Central Railroad Company and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company, payable to the Commonwealth as follows, viz:

The principal of one of said bonds (\$100,000) shall be payable each and every year, beginning January 1, 1875, and so continuing annually thereafter until the said sum of three million, five hundred thousand dollars shall be paid, with interest thereon from January 1, 1872.

The citizens of Pennsylvania have always borne taxation not only patiently but cheerfully, and they are still as willing as ever to contribute to the support of the Government, and to the discharge of its obligations. They are not, however, less patriotic, and they are not less desirous to see the Commonwealth prosper, and to see the public servants who are intrusted with the management of their affairs, to act upon the most prudent and economical basis. In a word, they demand reform in the management of the financial affairs of the State, and, as far as possible, the retrenchment of all unnecessary expenditures.

On the 30th of January last, I signed a resolution of the Senate, and I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report on the condition of the Commonwealth for the year ending November 30, 1869, and to express my appreciation of the care and diligence with which it has been prepared.

The Governor has been forced into a special appropriation without delay to meet the pressing wants of the teachers of the different institutions, and to the maintenance of the schools during the year ending May 31, 1870, which sum is \$534,500. The sum appropriated for that purpose by act of April 16, 1869, was \$450,000. As the Superintendent estimates the expenses for the year ending May 31, 1870, to be \$534,500, it is estimated that \$84,500 will be required for the current year.

The maintenance of these schools during the year ending May 31, 1871, it is estimated that \$534,500 will be required. The sum appropriated for that purpose by act of April 16, 1869, was \$450,000. As the Superintendent estimates the expenses for the year ending May 31, 1871, to be \$534,500, it is estimated that \$84,500 will be required for the current year.

There are within the State 1,971 school districts, with 12,900 school directors; 76 superintendents; 17,142 teachers, and 815,753 pupils. The average cost of tuition for each pupil is ninety-seven cents per month. The whole cost of tuition for the year ending May 31, 1870, was \$1,227,000. The whole cost of tuition for the year ending May 31, 1869, was \$1,227,000.

Notwithstanding the fact that our school law was made general in the year 1845, it is remarkable that there still remain five districts within the State which have not yet conformed thereto. Hopes are entertained that four of these will soon accept the conditions of the law, and the remaining one, known as the Harmony District, will be brought under the control of the "Economies," having a good school of its own, will probably not adopt the present school system so long as the present organization of that society exists, and until it is reorganized, and the heavy congratulation that our school system has been so universally adopted by the voluntary consent and general acquiescence of the people.

As important auxiliaries to our common schools, the Normal schools are entitled to assume the front rank. Their flourishing condition may be understood from the following statistics: The whole number of students that have attended the four Normal schools is 10,237, of whom 891 have graduated. During the past year there were in these institutions 76 teachers, and 4,178 students. Since my last annual communication, a law has been passed making it the duty of the Commonwealth to support a Normal school in each of the five counties of the Commonwealth, and to invest in the same kind of bonds, at par, on the 1st day of December, 1869, the interest for the seven remaining months, ending July 1, 1870, would be \$40,839 34, which, in consequence of the non-conformity to this plan, will be lost to the Commonwealth. I cannot reiterate too strongly my recommendations on this subject, and a law passed making it the duty of the Commonwealth to support a Normal school in each of the five counties of the Commonwealth, and to invest in the same kind of bonds, at par, on the 1st day of December, 1869, the interest for the seven remaining months, ending July 1, 1870, would be \$40,839 34, which, in consequence of the non-conformity to this plan, will be lost to the Commonwealth.

The following is a statement showing the nature of the indebtedness of the Commonwealth, on November 30, 1869:

Funded debt, viz:	\$2,771,180 00
6 per cent. loans, 1857-60	425,214 00
6 per cent. loans, 1861-65	115,000 00
Unfunded debt, viz:	\$32,700,564 38
Outstanding in circulation	96,397 00
Outstanding in Treasury	10,080 52
Interest certificates	4,448 58
Domestic certificates	44 67
Am't of public debt, Nov. 30, 1869	\$35,111,547 55
Public debt on Nov. 30, 1868	\$35,286,947 13
Deficit amounting to	\$175,399 58
Nov. 30, 1869	\$35,286,947 13
Nov. 30, 1868	\$35,462,346 71
Nov. 30, 1867	\$35,837,745 29
Nov. 30, 1866	\$36,213,144 87
Nov. 30, 1865	\$36,588,544 45
Nov. 30, 1864	\$36,963,943 03
Nov. 30, 1863	\$37,339,342 61
Nov. 30, 1862	\$37,714,742 19
Nov. 30, 1861	\$38,090,141 77
Nov. 30, 1860	\$38,465,541 35
Nov. 30, 1859	\$38,840,940 93
Nov. 30, 1858	\$39,216,340 51
Nov. 30, 1857	\$39,591,740 09
Nov. 30, 1856	\$39,967,139 67
Nov. 30, 1855	\$40,342,539 25
Nov. 30, 1854	\$40,717,938 83
Nov. 30, 1853	\$41,093,338 41
Nov. 30, 1852	\$41,468,737 99
Nov. 30, 1851	\$41,844,137 57
Nov. 30, 1850	\$42,219,537 15
Nov. 30, 1849	\$42,594,936 73
Nov. 30, 1848	\$42,970,336 31
Nov. 30, 1847	\$43,345,735 89
Nov. 30, 1846	\$43,721,135 47
Nov. 30, 1845	\$44,096,535 05
Nov. 30, 1844	\$44,471,934 63
Nov. 30, 1843	\$44,847,334 21
Nov. 30, 1842	\$45,222,733 79
Nov. 30, 1841	\$45,598,133 37
Nov. 30, 1840	\$45,973,532 95
Nov. 30, 1839	\$46,348,932 53
Nov. 30, 1838	\$46,724,332 11
Nov. 30, 1837	\$47,099,731 69
Nov. 30, 1836	\$47,475,131 27
Nov. 30, 1835	\$47,850,530 85
Nov. 30, 1834	\$48,225,930 43
Nov. 30, 1833	\$48,601,329 01
Nov. 30, 1832	\$48,976,728 59
Nov. 30, 1831	\$49,352,128 17
Nov. 30, 1830	\$49,727,527 75
Nov. 30, 1829	\$50,102,927 33
Nov. 30, 1828	\$50,478,326 91
Nov. 30, 1827	\$50,853,726 49
Nov. 30, 1826	\$51,229,126 07
Nov. 30, 1825	\$51,604,525 65
Nov. 30, 1824	\$51,979,925 23
Nov. 30, 1823	\$52,355,324 81
Nov. 30, 1822	\$52,730,724 39
Nov. 30, 1821	\$53,106,123 97
Nov. 30, 1820	\$53,481,523 55
Nov. 30, 1819	\$53,856,923 13
Nov. 30, 1818	\$54,232,322 71
Nov. 30, 1817	\$54,607,722 29
Nov. 30, 1816	\$54,983,121 87
Nov. 30, 1815	\$55,358,521 45
Nov. 30, 1814	\$55,733,921 03
Nov. 30, 1813	\$56,109,320 61
Nov. 30, 1812	\$56,484,720 19
Nov. 30, 1811	\$56,860,119 77
Nov. 30, 1810	\$57,235,519 35
Nov. 30, 1809	\$57,610,918 93
Nov. 30, 1808	\$57,986,318 51
Nov. 30, 1807	\$58,361,718 09
Nov. 30, 1806	\$58,737,117 67
Nov. 30, 1805	\$59,112,517 25
Nov. 30, 1804	\$59,487,916 83
Nov. 30, 1803	\$59,863,316 41
Nov. 30, 1802	\$60,238,715 99
Nov. 30, 1801	\$60,614,115 57
Nov. 30, 1800	\$60,989,515 15
Nov. 30, 1799	\$61,364,914 73
Nov. 30, 1798	\$61,740,314 31
Nov. 30, 1797	\$62,115,713 89
Nov. 30, 1796	\$62,491,113 47
Nov. 30, 1795	\$62,866,513 05
Nov. 30, 1794	\$63,241,912 63
Nov. 30, 1793	\$63,617,312 21
Nov. 30, 1792	\$63,992,711 79
Nov. 30, 1791	\$64,368,111 37
Nov. 30, 1790	\$64,743,510 95
Nov. 30, 1789	\$65,118,910 53
Nov. 30, 1788	\$65,494,310 11
Nov. 30, 1787	\$65,869,709 69
Nov. 30, 1786	\$66,245,109 27
Nov. 30, 1785	\$66,620,508 85
Nov. 30, 1784	\$66,995,908 43
Nov. 30, 1783	\$67,371,308 01
Nov. 30, 1782	\$67,746,707 59
Nov. 30, 1781	\$68,122,107 17
Nov. 30, 1780	\$68,497,506 75
Nov. 30, 1779	\$68,872,906 33
Nov. 30, 1778	\$69,248,305 91
Nov. 30, 1777	\$69,623,705 49
Nov. 30, 1776	\$69,999,105 07
Nov. 30, 1775	\$70,374,504 65
Nov. 30, 1774	\$70,749,904 23
Nov. 30, 1773	\$71,125,303 81
Nov. 30, 1772	\$71,500,703 39
Nov. 30, 1771	\$71,876,102 97
Nov. 30, 1770	\$72,251,502 55
Nov. 30, 1769	\$72,626,902 13
Nov. 30, 1768	\$73,002,301 71
Nov. 30, 1767	\$73,377,701 29
Nov. 30, 1766	\$73,753,100 87
Nov. 30, 1765	\$74,128,500 45
Nov. 30, 1764	\$74,503,900 03
Nov. 30, 1763	\$74,879,299 61
Nov. 30, 1762	\$75,254,699 19
Nov. 30, 1761	\$75,630,098 77
Nov. 30, 1760	\$76,005,498 35
Nov. 30, 1759	\$76,380,897 93
Nov. 30, 1758	\$76,756,297 51
Nov. 30, 1757	\$77,131,697 09
Nov. 30, 1756	\$77,507,096 67
Nov. 30, 1755	\$77,882,496 25
Nov. 30, 1754	\$78,257,895 83
Nov. 30, 1753	\$78,633,295 41
Nov. 30, 1752	\$79,008,695 00
Nov. 30, 1751	\$79,384,094 58
Nov. 30, 1750	\$79,759,494 16
Nov. 30, 1749	\$80,134,893 74
Nov. 30, 1748	\$80,510,293 32
Nov. 30, 1747	\$80,885,692 90
Nov. 30, 1746	\$81,261,092 48
Nov. 30, 1745	\$81,636,492 06
Nov. 30, 1744	\$82,011,891 64
Nov. 30, 1743	\$82,387,291 22
Nov. 30, 1742	\$82,762,690 80
Nov. 30, 1741	\$83,138,090 38
Nov. 30, 1740	\$83,513,490 00
Nov. 30, 1739	\$83,888,889 62
Nov. 30, 1738	\$84,264,289 24
Nov. 30, 1737	\$84,639,688 86
Nov. 30, 1736	\$85,015,088 48
Nov. 30, 1735	\$85,390,488 10
Nov. 30, 1734	\$85,765,887 72
Nov. 30, 1733	\$86,141,287 34
Nov. 30, 1732	\$86,516,686 96
Nov. 30, 1731	\$86,892,086 58
Nov. 30, 1730	\$87,267,486 20
Nov. 30, 1729	\$87,642,885 82
Nov. 30, 1728	\$88,018,285 44
Nov. 30, 1727	\$88,393,685 06
Nov. 30, 1726	\$88,769,084 68
Nov. 30, 1725	\$89,144,484 30
Nov. 30, 1724	\$89,519,883 92
Nov. 30, 1723	\$89,895,283 54
Nov. 30, 1722	\$90,270,683 16
Nov. 30, 1721	\$90,646,082 78
Nov. 30, 1720	\$91,021,482 40
Nov. 30, 1719	\$91,396,882 02
Nov. 30, 1718	\$91,772,281 64
Nov. 30, 1717	\$92,147,681 26
Nov. 30, 1716	\$92,523,080 88
Nov. 30, 1715	\$92,898,480 50
Nov. 30, 1714	\$93,273,880 12
Nov. 30, 1713	\$93,649,279 74
Nov. 30, 1712	\$94,024,679 36
Nov. 30, 1711	\$94,400,078 98
Nov. 30, 1710	\$94,775,478 60
Nov. 30, 1709	\$95,150,878 22
Nov. 30, 1708	\$95,526,277 84
Nov. 30, 1707	\$95,901,677 46
Nov. 30, 1706	\$96,277,077 08
Nov. 30, 1705	\$96,652,476 70
Nov. 30, 1704	\$97,027,876 32
Nov. 30, 1703	\$97,403,275 94
Nov. 30, 1702	\$97,778,675 56
Nov. 30, 1701	\$98,154,075 18
Nov. 30, 1700	\$98,529,474 80
Nov. 30, 1699	\$98,904,874 42
Nov. 30, 1698	\$99,280,274 04
Nov. 30, 1697	\$99,655,673 66
Nov. 30, 1696	\$100,031,073 28
Nov. 30, 1695	\$100,406,472 90
Nov. 30, 1694	\$100,781,872 52
Nov. 30, 1693	\$101,157,272 14
Nov. 30, 1692	\$101,532,671 76
Nov. 30, 1691	\$101,908,071 38
Nov. 30, 1690	\$102,283,471 00
Nov. 30, 1689	\$102,658,870 62
Nov. 30, 1688	\$103,034,270 24
Nov. 30, 1687	\$103,409,669 86
Nov. 30, 1686	\$103,785,069 48
Nov. 30, 1685	\$104,160,469 10
Nov. 30, 1684	\$104,535,868 72
Nov. 30, 1683	\$104,911,268 34
Nov. 30, 1682	\$105,286,667 96
Nov. 30, 1681	\$105,662,067 58
Nov. 30, 1680	\$106,037,467 20
Nov. 30, 1679	\$106,412,866 82
Nov. 30, 1678	\$106,788,266 44
Nov. 30, 1677	\$107,163,666 06
Nov. 30, 1676	\$107,539,065 68
Nov. 30, 1675	\$107,914,465 30
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Nov. 30, 1673	\$108,665,264 54
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Nov. 30, 1671	\$109,416,063 78
Nov. 30, 1670	\$109,791,463 40
Nov. 30, 1669	\$110,166,863 02
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Nov. 30, 1665	\$111,668,461 50
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Nov. 30, 1662	\$112,794,660 36