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REVISION.

I have good reason to believe that the truth of these statements, and I earnestly recommend the whole subject to your early and considerate action, and that the amendments which you may make for the better protection of the health and general well-being of Philadelphia be extended as far as practicable to the whole State.

CAPITOL AND CARROLL GROUNDS.

The apartment in the Capitol building, familiarly known as the "Office of the State Historian," has been tastefully fitted up for the reception and display of the battle-flags carried by our soldiers in the war of the rebellion, and the same has been done to that effect passed by the Legislature at its last session.

RECOMMENDATION.

For the purpose of irrigating and beautifying the Capitol grounds, I recommend that you authorize the construction of at least two ornamental fountains, to be placed in the park, and that the same be completed by the Legislature at its last session.

GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

As no charge of selfishness can, at this juncture, be attached to me, I frankly remind you that the compensation of the Governor is entirely inadequate to enable him to live in a style corresponding to his position, and the reasonable expectations of the people of so great a Commonwealth.

RECOMMENDATION.

The Constitution declares in section VI, of article II, "The Governor shall, at stated times, receive for his services a compensation, which shall be neither increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected."

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Should the Legislature concur with me as to the propriety of increasing the compensation of the Executive to ten thousand dollars per annum, I recommend that you authorize the construction of at least two ornamental fountains, to be placed in the park, and that the same be completed by the Legislature at its last session.

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It has heretofore been my sad duty to chronicle the departure of distinguished men from the sphere of eternal life, from which no traveler returns. Among them may be numbered three ex-Governors; and now I am called upon to announce the decease of another who has occupied a prominent position in our history.

RECOMMENDATION.

William F. Johnston was born November 29, 1808, at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, and died at Pittsburgh, October 25, 1872, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

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He was admitted to the bar in 1829, and was subsequently a member of the House of Representatives, and of the Senate. As speaker of the latter, he became acting Governor upon the resignation of Francis R. Shunk. He was afterwards nominated by the Whigs, and elected to the office with honor and marked ability.

RECOMMENDATION.

After the expiration of his term he devoted his life to the construction and management of railroads and the development of the resources of the western portion of the State. He was elected to the office of State Historian, and in that position he was distinguished by his talents, his industry, and his integrity.

RECOMMENDATION.

From a memorial prepared and submitted to the commission by Mr. Thurston, it is manifest that the project is of the highest importance to the State, and that it is presented by gentlemen who represent one-half of the population of the country; that the people who are benefited by the contemplated improvement, possess one-half of its cultivated lands, raise sixty per cent of its agricultural products, breed sixty per cent of its live stock, own fifty per cent of its capital invested in farming implements and machinery, and have heretofore paid thirty five per cent of its internal taxation, and contribute the corresponding share toward the payment of the National debt.

RECOMMENDATION.

The President of the United States, in his late message, invites the attention of Congress to this and similar enterprises, as being of great moment to the varied, growing interests and the internal commerce of the country in time of peace, and of inestimable value in case of a foreign war.

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