

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

On the fourth of July, 1876, the nation will have completed the first century of its existence. The design to celebrate that great event in a becoming manner doubtless commends itself alike to your intelligent appreciation of the blessings of liberty and independence, and your high sentiments of patriotic pride and gratitude. Already the preliminary steps of the design have been taken, and toward its happy realization the people of the entire country are looking with profound interest.

private display of the wealth and resources of the Commonwealth. This great national enterprise appeals as well to local pride as to common patriotism; it must be successful. I bespeak for him your assistance, and since Pennsylvania has been assigned the honor of having the celebration take place on her soil, she must and will see to it that it shall not fail. I, therefore, earnestly solicit for it not only your aid but also the thoughtful and zealous support of all our industrial, scientific, educational and religious associations; and that of all good citizens, who have at heart the honor, perpetuity, and happiness of our common country.

In my official communications, heretofore, to the Legislature, and in public address to the people, I have without hesitation declared my views in favor of protection to our Home Industries, and in that of labor against foreign competition. Continued observation and experience have tended to confirm me as to the correctness of the opinions then expressed. I now reiterate them with undiminished confidence; and feel that Congress should maintain a policy that has so vastly contributed to the prosperity of the whole country.

The inter-state courtesies, heretofore exercised, have been continued and fostered by a system of mutual exchanges of the laws and labor-saving appliances, and in the encouragement of status authorizing reciprocal relations, and the rendition of fugitive criminals. During my administration there has not occurred a single circumstance to mar the harmony and friendly relations between the Commonwealth and any other State, or of the Nation. The obvious advantages arising from such a condition of our affairs naturally tend to advance the best interests of the States, and cement the bonds of the National Union.

The recent elections prove, by unprejudiced majorities, that the country reposes extraordinary confidence in the patriotism, sagacity and integrity of the Republican party. In response to this sentiment, that party should discharge its sacred trust by a wise, honest, economical and patriotic administration of the government; a thorough reform of the civil service; the continuation of such duties upon foreign imports as will secure adequate compensation for our domestic manufactures; the reduction of the scale of internal taxes to the lowest degree that would be adequate to the maintenance of the public credit; and the gradual extinction of the national debt.

Naturally desiring to have no financial trusts in this connection, and feeling the need of an executive arm capable of performing the many business functions essential to the success of the undertaking, the National Commissioners asked Congress to authorize the organization of a corporation, under the title of the "Centennial Board of Finance," with a capital stock amounting to ten million dollars, divided into shares of ten dollars each, with the power of securing and holding such real estate as may be needed in carrying into effect the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1871.

An act embodying these privileges was promptly passed by Congress, June 1, 1871, and under it books for the subscription of the stock have been opened in each State and Territory, and the organization of the Board of Finance will probably be completed before the adjournment of the Legislature.

The quota of the stock allotted to Pennsylvania will be promptly taken, and more than this its people cannot do, until the hundred days, prior to the organization of the Board of Finance, in which the subscription books are required to be kept open in each State and Territory, shall have elapsed; after which time, should stock not taken, should it not called for by others, be promptly subscribed by our citizens.

Under the eleventh article of the Constitution, the State is prohibited from subscribing its stock or lending its credit for any other object than the payment of its own debt, or for the purpose of military defence. But it can and should make such a special donation as would inspire popular confidence, excite the emulation of other States, and insure the prompt commencement of the work upon a scale commensurate with its importance.

The eighth section of the original act of Congress authorizing the exhibition, provides that the President shall be informed by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania that provision has been made for the erection of suitable buildings for the purpose, and for the exclusive control by the commission herein provided for of the proposed exhibition, the President shall, through the Department of State, make proclamation of the same, setting forth the time at which the exhibition will open and the place at which it shall be held; and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the commissioners, for publication in their respective countries.

I would further recommend that your "Committee on Federal Relations" consider the propriety of asking Congress to make an appropriation for such necessary expenses of the National Commissioners as will enable them to work with efficiency. The members are national officers charged with a trust of great responsibility, and engaged in an enterprise in which the reputation of the country is directly involved.

Our Government, which expended a large sum of money in preparing the Paris exhibition, certainly will not treat the agents to whom it has committed the task of preparing a memorial of its birth upon its own soil, in the form of an International Exhibition, with such parsimony as would deprive them of their proper influence, dignity and independence.

The State Commissioners heretofore appointed under the acts of the Legislature have made no report of their transactions, and may not yet have found their proper mode of usefulness. They can render much service to the United States Commissioners, and to the Board of Finance, by obtaining publications, and by procuring the necessary facilities for the exhibition, and present an appropriate display of the wealth and resources of the Commonwealth.

It is for me peculiar satisfaction to find that my co-workers and responsibilities are shortly to be transferred in the hands of a gentleman, who will surely guard the one, and faithfully discharge the other. Major General John F. Hart, has signally illustrated his courage and patriotism in many a fiercely contended field of battle, and his military and administrative qualifications, that have made his reputation as a soldier, have been no less conspicuous in the pursuit of civil duty. He will bring to the discharge of his duties a high and valuable experience, and a firm management of public affairs; and all that is known

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