

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

Public Officers.—In obedience to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, you have assembled to discharge the important and responsible duties that devolve upon you.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity.—The business of the Commonwealth has not been with-held from its normal course.

No financial embarrassments—no commercial distress—no political or social evils have interrupted the progress of the energies of the people.

The great interests of education, morality and religion have been cherished and sustained.

From the people of the Commonwealth, and from whom come the Nation's power, and from whom the Commonwealth derives its strength.

The financial condition of the Commonwealth is highly satisfactory. Every demand upon the Treasury has been promptly met.

For the fiscal year ending November 30, 1856, the receipts at the Treasury (including the balance in the Treasury on the first day of December, 1855, of \$1,242,295.42)

Excluding the balance in the Treasury on the first day of December, 1855, the receipts from all sources were \$1,242,295.42.

The extraordinary payments for the same year were \$1,263,997.43.

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Democratic State Convention for 1857.

The Democratic State Convention for the purpose of electing a delegate to the National Convention to be held in New York on the 23rd day of February next.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention of Erie is requested to meet on the 23rd day of February next.

It is pretty certain that we are to have a telegraphic communication with England, and that, too, within the next eight months.

Some few weeks since we recorded the fact that Hiram Fox, Esq. of Lancaster, had become insane.

The Western Reserve is proposed as a new State, outside of "Ohio Proper," which "Glad Democrat" by a small majority.

Everybody will be glad to see, by the House proceedings of Wednesday, that there is a prospect of the speedy demolition or abolition of depreciated foreign coin.

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United States Senator.

One of the first duties of a young man in the Legislature, which met on Tuesday, will be to elect a successor to Hon. Rufus B. Havens.

The practice of delaying the passage of the general appropriation bill until the last days of the session, and incorporating in it provisions incompatible with its general character, and obstructive to its execution, is highly censurable and should be discontinued.

The militia law of the State is imperfect in many of its provisions, and should be revised.

The powers and duties of the Commander-in-Chief of the State, as defined in the Constitution, are not clearly defined, and should be defined by the Legislature.

As appropriate to this subject, the reform of the National Government, of the importation of foreign criminals and paupers, and a more careful rigid and personal examination, by our courts, of all persons coming before them as applicants for admission to the rights of citizenship, would, to some extent, correct existing abuses, and relieve the ballot-box from the pressure of corrupting and dangerous influences.

It is the policy and duty of the National Government to protect the rights and interests of the people of the State, and to see that the laws are faithfully executed.

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