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OFFICE ON THE WEST SIDE OF TRADE STREET CHARACTERS AS IMPORTANT TO STATES AS IT IS TO INDIVIDUALS, AND THE GLORY OF THE ONE IS THE COMMON PROPERTY OF THE OTHER \$4 Per Annum IN ADVANCE

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MESSAGE OF GOV. WORTH.

To the Honorable the General Assembly, of North Carolina: GENTLEMEN—Being notified by a dispatch from the President of the United States, of the discontinuance of the Provisional Government...

draw on the Public Treasurer to pay the expenses. Charter Election.

As elections have probably been held in many of the incorporated towns, not in conformity with their charters, and many acts may have been done since 28th December last...

Having been notified by the Sheriff of Sampson, that Thomas I. Faison, Senator of this General Assembly from said county...

The many embarrassing questions of law growing out of the transition from war to peace, and from Provisional to partial Civil Government...

I believe that in some counties there are justices of the peace who were commissioned and qualified before the 20th of May 1861...

It is our duty to conform to this policy. The fortunes of our capitalists have been swept away.

By a proper amendment of the charters of our Banks and Railroad Companies, I hope it may be done. Several of our Railroads, in which the State holds large stock...

I suggest that, by an amendment to their charters, these Banks and Railroad companies be allowed to subscribe for stock in a National Bank...

The benefits proposed by this scheme are: 1st. The making of the specie in the Banks, now lying dormant, produce the interest which would accrue on the United States bonds...

5th. The securing to the creditors of the Banks a much larger dividend than they will get, if the Banks be forced into immediate liquidation.

cannot punctually cash accounts against him, is always willing to give his note.

Our only resource, other than taxation, to meet our debt, is stock in our Rail Roads to the amount of \$6,516,500, and bonds on certain other Rail Roads (secured by mortgage) with which the State has exchanged her bonds...

Another plan suggested, supposed to be acceptable to the holders of our bonds, looking to the furnishing of a currency as well as the making of our State debt manageable...

It is objected to this scheme, that it would violate the provision in the Constitution of the United States, which forbids a State to emit bills of credit.

In presenting the foregoing views of our affairs, I must not be understood as despondent. To overcome our difficulties, it is necessary to face them, and not to shut our eyes on them.

The pressure of other duties has not allowed me time to give to this and other plans which have been presented, in relation to the payment of the State debt and a supply of currency...

with which the defendant is charged, be the same whether the defendant be a white man or a black, there will be no interference with our criminal Courts.

By act of Congress ratified July 2, 1862, an amount of public land was devoted to each State equal to thirty thousand acres for each Senator and Representative in Congress...

The condition of society produced by the sudden emancipation of the black race, in numbers over one-third of the entire population of the State, and the exemption of this class from the operation of our laws...

By an amendment to the act, approved on the 14th of April, 1864, the time limited for the acceptance of the donation will expire on the 14th of April, 1866.

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The extinguishment of slavery by an ordinance of the Convention of this State, the double security of the ratification by the Legislature of an amendment to the Constitution...

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Justices of the Peace.

I hear that in some counties there are justices of the peace who were commissioned and qualified before the 20th of May 1861...

The appointment of justices of the peace demands your earliest attention. It is a very important office, and great care should be taken that it be conferred only on intelligent and virtuous men...

The evil, both as to the number and quality of these officers, are so universally felt, that the Convention has under consideration, and will probably adopt, at its next session, an amendment limiting the number to be appointed in each county...

If it be deemed doubtful whether the provisional Sheriffs and Clerks of the Courts retain their authority until the qualification of their successors, I recommend that they be continued in office by an act to be passed by you...

In some of the counties it will be necessary, that special terms of the County Court be held, to qualify the newly elected Clerks and Sheriffs, to provide jurors for the next courts, and to transact any other country business which they may think requires immediate action.

I further recommend, that so soon as you shall have appointed justices of the peace and passed such acts as you may deem necessary to remedy the irregularities to which I have referred, that the Governor be forthwith required to issue commissions to the Justices appointed, and an order to the sheriffs of each county, commanding him to notify each of said Justices...

The large amount of money which the University and Board of Literature have in the two principal Banks, and the investments held by our citizens in all of them, (including very many widows and orphans), and the great want of a circulating medium, seem to demand of me some suggestions on these subjects...

Militia.

There are many acts passed during and immediately preceding the war relating to the militia, which, upon their face, may not be unconstitutional or incompatible with our allegiance, which ought now to be repealed or modified.

It is to be hoped that the period is not distant when the U. States will perceive that we are satisfied that we have had enough of war, and that we are as ready as any people can be, to perform all our duties to the National Government...

Before the war we had solvent banks with a capital exceeding \$8,000,000, and a circulation of about the same amount. This capital is lost, and the currency probably worth less than \$1,500,000.

We have now almost no banking facilities, and owing to the presence of devastating armies and the derangement of labor by the emancipation of our slaves in the midst of the planting season, we made last year almost nothing for market...

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State Debt.

My report as late Public Treasurer submitted to the Convention in October last shows that the bonded debt of the State, created under acts passed prior to the war, is \$11,119,500.

The estimated amount of unpaid coupons on these bonds was then 2,500,000. Interest which will accrue on this debt up to Oct. 1, 1866, \$17,000.

To pay the interest on our State debt, and the other indispensable expenses of the State, she will require at least one million of dollars each year. This would require a tax nearly twice as great as we ever paid before the war...

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Restoration of the Courts.

It is believed that all the Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts, elected at your late session, have qualified, and when you shall have appointed Justices of the Peace, and the County Courts are restored, the machinery of civil government will be almost complete.