GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, Nov. 17, 1856. To the Honorable the General Assembly

of the State of North Carolina: GENTLEMEN: You have been elected by the people of the State to represent them in this General Assembly. They have confided to you powers, the highest and most important known to our government and laws. Coming as you do fresh from the great body of your fellow-citizens and from every section of the State, it is supposed that you are acquainted with their wants and necessities, and that these will be provided for, so far as it can be done by wholesome and enlightened legislation. I doubt not that every effort will be made on your part not to disappoint these reasonable Fay. & War. Plank expectations. For my own, allow me to assure you that my aid, however feeble, shall at all times be given towards facilitating your labors.

Before touching upon matters concerning more especially our own State and polity, allow me to congratulate you upon the happy termination of the exciting political contest through which the country has lately passed. For the first time in our history we have seen an attempt seriously made by one section, or more properly speaking, by a political party of that section, to get the control of the different departments of the general government, with Do the determination expressed to administer that Western and N. C. government on strictly sectional party grounds. It was virtually an attempt to degrade one action and to indanger its institutions, and to deny to it those equal rights and privileges to which all the sees in the Union are entitled, and which hitherto they have enjoyed.

True it is, that all this was sought to be done according to the forms of the constitution. But the attempt was not the less atrocious for that reason.

The general government was intended by its framers to operate for the protection and safety of all, and if properly administered, will only be felt in the most benificent manner. But whenever it is seized upon, even under the forms of the constitution, by one section of the country and so wrested and perverted from its legitimate purposes as to become an instrument of oppression or degredation to the other, he knows that they would submit tamely and ignominiously to such a government and to such an Union, however dear one of a different kind may be, and, I trust and believe, is to all. Whatever may have been said to the contrary, we of the South have not sought to control the affairs of the country or its government, so as to advance our two peculiar views and interests at the expense of any other section.

All we have asked for is to be protected in the rights secured to us by the constitution, to be let alone in their enjoyment, and to be treated as equals among the States and in the common Territories of the Union. More than this we have not sought to obtain. Less, if true to ourselves, we will never submit to take.

we have nothing to fear. For a time madness and fanaticism ruled the day, and the wisest, and best and most patriotic in the land were filled with fear and misgiving. But the result shows that we have as friends a large and influential body of patriotic, conservative, Insane Asylum, 20 year bonds, will national men at the North, who, in a crisis like the one we have passed, are ready, at every hazard, to stand by the Union and the rights of every section. The task set before them. I regret to say, was one not easy of accomplishthanks and plaudits of all and the eternal grati-Let us hope otherwise, and that peace, order Company, of which \$10,060 has been paid, and good feeling may return and abide with us. Leaving to be paid the sum of

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we have been, mainly, in the late Western N. C. Railroad, 30 year subscription, and which will probably be called for before the meeting of the next General Assembly, be required at an early day

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\$4,220,500 sufficient to meet the several liabilities as they fall due.

Prudence and a wise forecast, as well as the 10,000 experience of other States and governments, 30,000 would seem to dictate such a course, and the debt can be more easily met and extinguished to \$160,000 in this way. Looking to the present only, policy of the State, whether farther appropriately for the State is a moveledged importance. A fair snount of the state is a moveledged importance A fair snount of the state is a moveledged importance. A fair snount of the state is a moveledged importance is due and is expected from our judicial office but more than this session, and if so, to what extent, is more especially pour projections should be made at this session, and if it is the session in the state is a moving the state is a moving to debt can be more easily met and extinguished in this way. Looking to the present only, policy would seem to require it, if for no other reason than that of maintaining our credit unimportant that of maintaining our credit unimports the best terms for extending our public works, or for other purposes. The effect of such a system would surely be to keep our such a such a system would surely be to keep our such a such a state to prepare a report of his survey of the State, so far as completed, and the matter having been brought to the attention of the Literary Board, under whose supervision the law required the cannot be a such as a such a such as a such as the such as a such as the such as a such as the such as such as a such as the such as a such as the such as a such as a suc

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There is no provision now for sending our laws, as

should be made for that purpose.

I deem it a matter, too, of the first importance, that provision should be made for the ultimate payment of the debt of the State, present and prospective, by creating a sinking fund

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