to make it successful.

This is no new scheme of mine, suggested by our present railroad complications, but it is one I have entertained for a long series of years, and which in August 1866, when the Western North Carolina Railroad Company was comparatively free from debt, and while I was president of the company, was urged by me upon the stockholders in annual meeting assembled. I beg to be pardoned by your honorable body for quoting to you an extract taken from my report made at that time to the stockholders. It is in the following words to wit : I feel constrained before closing this report, to say that owing to the impoverished condition of the country, the heavy losses which the people of our State have sustained by the result of the late terrible conflict we have recently been engaged in with our brethern of the North, I cannot see any immediate prospect of penetrating our western serritory much beyond Morganton, unless the State shall assume a larger portion of the expense of construction than she is ad new liable for, and as there is but little probability of this for some time to come, it occurs to me that it would be highly advantageous to all parties concerned individual stockholders as well as the State, either to put the read and all of its privileges and immunities in market for sale to the best purchaser, who will guarantee to complete it through toits Western derminus within a reasonable time, or to ettic consolidate the Western North Carolina the North Carolina, and the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Companies into one Company, so as to have a continuous at wiline from the seaboard to the extreme Mestern part of the State, get all our ne people enlisted in one grand enterprise. and which will have no sectional prejudice to contend with, no party animosities to en efiredunter but which will bind us together law as with hooks of steel, and make us. as We should be, children of an honored relemether, whose every aspiration should be to promote the good of the whole, and the glory, happiness and well being of our State and people" These were my sentiments then ; they are my sentiments to but day. Time and experience have confr med me in them, and my conviction of ad their soundness grows stronger and stron ger every day.

and sary power and authority to purchase the State Treasury as required by law, and a Western North Carolina Railroad and all Railroad, and to build and complete the due, and, I am informed was not paid tion from the State. same, and when so purchased the whole according to the requirements of that In 1790, North Carolina contained a to be merged into one corporation under instrument, the name of the North Carolina Railroad Company. The Directory of the North Carolina Railroad Company, who I am bleased to state sustains me in recommending this legislation, have an agreement . In writing from the owners of the Cincinanimati, Cumberland Gap and Charleston Railroad (a portion of which from Morristown, on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad to Wolf Creek in . Thoule State of Tennessee, has been finished walk and is now in operation,) and from credishe tors and litigants of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, in which is to sell and transfer to the North Carolina Railroad Company the whole line of road from Salisbury to Morristown for about one million dollars of this line, from Salisbury to Old Fort, about 118 miles have been finished, and from Wolf Creek to Morristown about 40 miles ad have been finished, leaving a gap of about 75 miles of unfinished road. Of this unfinished portion, more than one-half the grading has been done. It is estimat d -methat to build this gap and have the whole old-line of railroad from Salisbury to Morriswe town completed and in good running order will cost about one and ahalf million dol . betalars. Then it will cost about two and a half million more, to purchase and finish the road from Sallisbury to Morristown, 1 230 miles in length, which will put us in communication by rail with Memphis. -Jail A mortagage of three million dollars on the North Carolina Railroad will enable aleft to pay off its present mortgaged and

I therefore suggest to the General As-

we mile would raise a little less than seven appointed for the sale said works were other Stats, fed with her blood, and by million dollars, which would enable the offered at public auction at Lockville. No steady currents of imigrants from Europe, to construct the road from Ashe- one present making a bide for the proper- have increased in population, wealth and ma finishing the road from Salisbury to Mor. and immediately, without further notice, to our borders: In 1870 there were 1028,put up the property a second time for 678 native South Carolians, and only 42,defor constructing the road to the Georgia sale when it was knocked off to certain parties at the price of twelve hund-satigneded, and it is estimated that less than an it is estimated. This amount the remotest the interest to enable them to extend their efforts beyond the great centres of the it is estimated. This amount the remotest that the original plan of the building that the original plan of the building that the value of the state of the state.

Today to your honorable body for amendments to you for your to your the normal transfer to enable them to extend the remotest to you for your to your the normal transfer to enable them to you for your to your the normal transfer to enable them to you for your to your the normal transfer to enable them to you for your the normal transfer to enable them to you for your the well and rapidly done. This also leads me to you for your was fortawith paid to the Atlantic & North Carolina company, and a deed, conveying tittle, ing children of our State, who had been prepared and signed by the managers going forth from us since 1790, answer to which it is believed can be done on reaso- who were present. I was necessarily ab- the roll-call to the number of 264,679. assumbly satisfactory terms, the North Caro- sent on important public business, and These are scattered principally in the realism Railroad Company will have a line when the deed was afterwards presented South and South-west. Thus while we resilroid from Beaufort harbor to the for my signature, as President of the can count but 42,683 immigrants to our

ediabout \$10,000 per mile. Will this policy had been generally known, might have induced other bidders to attend, and caus. Great Britain and Ireland, while other not go into force until ratified by a vote of the insthe North Carolina Railroad Company!

There is in my mind no doubt that it will am informed, however, that the purchasers have accepted the deed without my signature.

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To save them from the temptation, (arising out of wait and poverty) to again violate the law. ture, and have such tittle to property as world. It is not to be expected that the many prominent men, among them many lawthe With a mortgage debt of little less than can be invested in them by the managers emigration of our people Westward can be checked entirely, but much may be amendments were enacted and submitted in the way and manner designated by the Constitution is a good one for the State, and that if the new terms had been extensively known that the property would not have commanded a higher price; upon those points of internal improvment—by the establishand of the North C rolina Railroad, at present, that the property would not have com- encouraging judicious and useful schemes in these doubts, and have serious misgivings The increased busi- manded a higher price; upon those points of internal improvment—by the establish- that the requirements of the Constitution have noss over it from these tributaries will be, I am not informed; still I did not feel ment of manufactories of various kinds, not been complied with—either in its letter or \$100,000, making \$350,000 as net authorized to approve of it and affix my thus adding to capital, and at the same plearnings from this line. The local busis name to the deed for the reasons above giving employment to thousands who are seemes over the line from Salisbury to set forth adMerristown will more than pay its operation by duty to give you pursuits—by opening and maintaining what is the best policy under the circumstances. ting expenses, while the business from the this information to enable you to take liberally public schools for education of the Having no settled convictions on the subject, tad by competent authority, will not be in the premises. If in your judgment the couraging and fostering in every practical

that if the road is constructed in the di- considered necessary that I, should mosded to sustain the wisdom of this rection of Dalton, and a connection made policy, and with prudent and able man- with the Georgia roads, the net earnings make the title good, it will be cheerfully cating the raw articles here at home, thus local business will be greater. So in round act passed by your honorable body. numbers, if this whole policy be carried ont, and the connections made with Tennessee and Georgia roads, it is very reasonable to say that the net earnings of the whole line will reach one million dollars. Deducting \$500,000 to meet the interest on its m rtgaged debt, there will

complete its road, pay its debt to the and accepted, laid before you. State, and extend its road to the Tennessee line," did, in the year 1867, issue certain bonds with coupons attached, with interest at 8 per cent, per annum, payable semi annually, and falling due in 887 and 1897 respectively. For the purpose of securing the principal and terest on said bonds as they become due the said company executed and delivered to certain trustees living in New York, mortgage deed, conveying in substance all the property of said company including franchises, &c., &c., In said mortgage deed is contained, among other things. the following provision, to wit: In case ces. default shall be made in payment of any half year's interest on any of the aforesaid bonds in the manner provided, &c., and in period of three months after the coupons and payable, anything in said bonds to the contrary notwithstanding." By an ordiof reharter of the North Carolina Railroad under and by virtue of said act of the the State of North Carolina. Company, and confer upon it the neces- General Assembly, have been returned to portion of their proceeds has gone into the

company to pay the interest, the whole being first and Pennsylvania second .debt, principal as well as interest, became due, and the trustees brought their action she had at that time a population equal to in this business will in due season repay playment that would bring a revenue to the to foreclose said mortage making the that State, and the two States started in the State an hundred yea verily a thou-Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford the race of progress with the same num- sand fold. Railroad Company, the State of North ber (sixteen) of representatives in Con-Carolina, and others, defendants Applica- gress. In 1800, North Carolina has recetion was made to me as a Governor, through | ded to the fourth rank among the States, thier agents and attorney acknowledge with 478,103 inhabitants, an increase of for the State, so to enable them to have held her position as the fourth in rank, their suit finally and speedily adjudicated. with 555,500 inhabitants and an increase After consultations with the Hon. W. M. of 77,487. In 1820, she still retained Shipp, then attorney General of North this rank, with 638,829 inhabitants, and Charolina, I positively refused to comply an increase of 83, 329. From this period with the request unless the trustees would she began to decline in population, in stipulate, in writing, to release the State comparision with other States. In 1830, from all liability by reasons of her en. she had fallen to the fifth rank, with a dorsement of the bonds, and to cancel the population of 737,987, an increase of 99,bonds endorsed by her. This proposition 158 inhabitants. In 1840, she had fallen was eventually agreed to by the trustees. to the seventh rank, with 753,039 inhabiand in pursuance of it the State was re- tants, an increase in ten years of only leased and the bonds cancelled, during 15,432, In 1850, she had fallen to the the past summer, in the city of New | tenth rank, with 869,039, an increase of York, u. der the supervision of E. J. Hale 115,620. In 1860, she was the twelfth Owing to the general poverty and depress-Esq., whom I appointed to act as agent in rank, having a total population of 992,for North Carolina in that behalf. The 622, and an increase of 123,583. In 1870, mor age was then for closed and the road she was the fourteenth in rank, numbersold to the Carolina Central Railway ing a population of 1,071,361, and an

CAPE FEAR AND DEEP RIVER NAVIGATION

of other indebtedness, and purchase, and finish this whole line of Railroad. The it was ordered, (all the managers being gration to the West and South, while the ments which have been made in the length of the North Carolina road is 223 present) that the State interest in said loss thus sustained has not been made up science of farming. The Agricultural miles, and when it has purchased and fin- works be sold at public auction to the by any accession in considerable numbers Society has convinced our people not basished this line of Railroad will have a line highest bidder, on specified terms and from other States, or from foreign counties. from Goldsboro' to Charlotte, and from condition, at Lockville, in Chatham coun- And thus it is, that being drained of her Balisbury to Morrist wn, a distance of ty, after due advertisement in certain sons and daughters, without inviting im-57 453 miles. A mortgage on the whole line newspapers. Advertisement was made as migration to herself in return, the State of (15,000) fifteen thousand dollars per ordered, and on the 8th of July, the day has decreased in the scale of States, while ville to the Georgia line, 123 miles. Three ty, three of the managers (a majority of power. The exodus of our people may million dollars expended in paying off its the bord) being present, held a meeting be seen in the following statement, with a the staff of life, but raw material to supply present indebtedness, and purchasing and on the spot, changed the terms of sale, comparison as to the influx of immigrants manufactories. The officers of the Socie- lent stone-cutters and brick-makers, and with Board, I declined to sign it, for the reason State, more than a quarter of a million of inclength. We will then have a railway that the sale was not made on the terms our people can be counted in other States, August last for the purpose of submitting to the and of these 42,683 strangers who have people certain amendments to the Constitution debt of less than seven million dollars vorable to purchasers, and which, if they had been generally known, might have foreign birth principally from Countries who have ed to be passed, by the Legislatures of 1870-71 draffa rate as high as 8 per cent. per annum is a good one for the State, and that if the done to check it, and to induce emigrants way and manner designated by the Constitution

BWAMP LANDS.

All the swamp lands belonging to the literary fund, except a very inconsiderable and good-will, and drawing from it only portion, (which were inadvertently over lessons which will teach us to think more looked) after having been frequently and extensively advertised, were, on the 16th Carolinians. By doing these things, gen be left half a m I ion for division among day of September last, contracted to be tlemen, actively and perseveringly, and sold to Samuel T. Carrow, Esq , whose with a purpose to know no such word as bid for all was considered by the Board of "failure" when our common mother whom Education as being the most advantageous one offered. This sale, before it enriched, and elevated in all desirable This corporation, by authority of an act can be final, must have legislative sanc- respects among her sister States, I verily of the General Assembly, ratified on the tion. At a subsequent period of your believe that our best wishes and efforts 20th day of December, 1866, entitled "An session a special message will be addressed for her will be crowned with full success. act to enable the Wilmington, Charlotte to you on the subject, and the particular With a climate which is in itself a luxury and Rutherford Railroad Company to swamps, with the terms and price offered enjoyed by few other people; in a region

VACANT LAND.

After mature consideration, I deem it proper to call attention to the vacant lands gold, lead, mica, granite, marble, and many belonging to the State, and which are subject to entry. I am decidedly of the opinion that no one not an actual bona fide citizen of the State, should be authorized to take up any portion of said lands at the insigificant prices now fixed by law. These lands should be held in reserve for our own citizens, many of whom are with out homes of their own, and unable to purchase them except at very low pri-

It has come to my knowledge that speculators, living outside of the State, and who never expect to become citizens case such default shall continue for the of it, have entered and are still entering large bodies of our vacant lands, particushall become due, then and thereupon the larly in the western part of the State, and principal of said bonds shall become due I fear, not for the purpose of settling a mong us and improving the country, but North Carolina. with the purpose and intention of enrich nance of the Convention of 1868, entitled | ing themselves at the expense of the State An excinance reducing the amount of and the impoverishment of our own people bonds to be issued to the Wilmington, In my opinion it would be better for the Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, Co." | State to donate this land in small quantis the number of said bonds was reduced to ties, without money and without price, to satisfied that you do not properly estimate he amount of two million five hundred its poor and landless citizens rather than thousand dollars worth, and the State be- sell it to strangers, whose only purpose came endorser of said mortgage bonds to seems to be to fill their own coffers. I the amount of one million dol'ars. The therefore recommend that you enact a law vigor which shall ensure good results. -State, having a substantial interest in the requiring every person, or party, entering And allow me to add, in concluding this property of said Railroad Company as a our vacant lands, to make an affidavit in amounting in the aggregate to some four or their own use and not for another, and w sembly the passage of an act to amend the million dollars. None of the bonds issued that he or they are bona fide citizens of

I cannot too earnestly recommend the by its branches or divisions, the Cincinnati, hands of the officers of the company. The adoption of suitable measures to encour-Cumberland Gap and Charleston Rail- semi-annual interest upon some of the age immigration to the State, and to stay

increase for the preceding ten years of

In examining these figures we find great fluctuations in population from time been extensively introduced, improve-At a meeting of the Board of Managers to time, as given in the census. Why is ments in the mechanic arts have been of the Cape Fear and Deep River Naviga- this? The answer is, that at different made, manufacturing has been fostered, tion Company, in the Executive office at periods of our history there have been and our mineral wealth is being unearth-Raleigh on the third day of June, 1873, large depletions of our population by emi- ed, to say nothing of the great improvenow idle, or thirftless or aimless in their and careful consideration you may determine

agement, I believe, it is wi hin our power from this source will be as great as that and promptly done whenever your wishes retaining the profits of manufacturing to make it successful. among ourselves, and by cultivating a just sentiment of State pride and self respect, and a spirit of forbearance, generosity and kindness towards each other, remembering the past only in the light of charity of ourselves, and of each other as North we all love so well, is to be improved and whose soil produces in greater or less perfection every staple and nearly every ar ticle grown on the North American Conti nent; with mines of iron, coal, copper, other ores with timber of all kinds, compartively as yet untouched ; with power inexhaustible, from the midland counties to the Tennessee line; with lime and marl, and other fertilizers in the earth ready to be used to improve the soil, and with millions of acres of virgin land adapted to cotton, corn, t bacco, wheat, oats, rice, barley, rye, the grape and almost every other production; with the law faithfully executed and peace and order prevailing everywhere within our borders, and exempted as we are by a kind Providence from the rigorous and protacted winters of the North and the scorching suns of the far South, I think it can truthfully be said that no State offers more solid attractions to immigrants than does

> There have been so many plans suggested with the view of promoting immigration to the State, that I hesitateto recommend any particular one. The whole subject is, after all, in your hands. I am its importance. Let me, then, respectfully and earnestly urge you to address yourselves to the work with a purpose and a

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. In the North Carolina Agricultural Society, we have a common rallying point prising citizens; by bringing to the atten-Canadas our superior advantages, the long enough to perfect them in the mysteries of

organization has materially aided in infusing energy among our people as well as ion, it was difficult work at first, but the tax collected for the Penitentiary to be used for society has struggled on untill it has any purpose but "the support of the convicts in to the State and honorable to their own energy and spirit of perseverence. The building and the erection of cells for the safe annual exhibitions demonstrate that within keeping of the convicts. That this was not the the last four years blooded stock has intention of the General Assembly is evident only of the importance of State Fairs, but also of our own importance as a people and a State. It has demonstrated the vastness of resource, which if developed, will bring not only wealth, but independence to the people. It has shown In order to prosecute the work on the prison that we have within ourselve every thing necessary to build up manufacturing inrecommend you to co-operate with them in every available way for the fextension and usefulness of their valuable institu-

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. in its spirit. I do not propose, however, to enter upon a discussion of the question, but simply such action as you may think expedient children and youth of the State—by en-"sol less than \$600,000. It is estimated, also, the price paid is satisfactory, and it be way the great interests of agriculture and feel authorized to place any obstructions in the sol well, it might be deemed invidious to discrim-

out that the legislation which has been do this subject, has been properly done, and comparing the vote on the first Monday of the provision which authorized annual ses-In other words, does not the abolition of the law authorizing annual sessions, also at some point in the Western part of the State. abolish the right to continue in annual session

after the new Constitution creating biennial ses-You, gentlemen, are here in annual session by virtue of the second section of the second article of the Constitution of 1868. You have once before been in annual session under this article. How early ou then, after the first Monday in December, prolong your annual assion, if the character by which you were authorized to hold annual sessions shall have been repealed? It will not do to say a law was passed authorizing you to meet, not withstanding the amendment should be adopted. The Constitution is the supreme law and no statute law can override it may adjourn to a future specified day, instead of sine die, but it is not conceded that this enables it to silence the Constitution, and by artifice render nugatory its provisions. It is true that you did at your last session pass a resolution to meet again on the third Monday in November, 1873, thereby conceding that without the ena-It is not disputed that the General Assembly bling aid of such a resolution, or enactment, you could not meet on that day if the amendment providing for biennial session should be adopted. There was no necessity for the resolution, cause the Constitution, as it then stood, and as convene at that time, and you could not disregard tinuation of your last session. Which, gentlemen, is it?

Constitution, then I am performing my duty in addressing this communication to you; but if it be only a continuation of your last sitting, then I am performing a work entirely gratuitous and not required of me by the Constitution or by the law. Believing that the resolution to which every new officer who may succeed those not have adverted is of no binding force, I feel it in office in the various counties in the State. to be my duty to inform you, that out of abundupon needful legislation, and consummate it before the day appointed for comparing and declaring the vote on the constitutional amendments, lest it may turn out, after that time, that your honorable body is functus office, and all of your subsequent acts of legislation null and void.

property of said Railroad Company as a second mortgage by virtue of an act of Assembly, ratified 29th January, 1869 made sembly, ratified 29th January, 1869 made sembly ratified 29th January, 1869 made semb as to put immigrants in full posession of circumstances by which it has been surrounded, own cost and expense, without the necessity of all the information touching the advanta, and the difficulties always attending the manage- consuming the valuable time of the people's ges which our State presents to them, the increase of the number of inmates that it is order to abate the nuisance, for it is nothing and this information must be laid by us evident that the bulk of the convict population but a nuisance. I recommend that the 45th before the immigrants themselves before of the State is tending to the Penitentiary, and they come to us. In doing this we shall that the several counties are being relieved of have to compete not only with other Sta-trouble and expense incident to keeping them pany, asking an act of corporation, to exhibit a tes, but with all kinds of landed corpora. In the county jails. This is as it should be, for tes, but with all kinds of landed corpora- in the county jails. This is as it should be, for least one hundred dollars, before the bill to intions, with railroad monopolies, with punishment and reformation of persons convictroad, and the Atlantic and North Carolina bonds, secured by the mortgage, became as far as practicable, the tide of minigraprejudice, ignorance and falsehood; but ed of crime and felonies, can be best realized, In 1790, North Carolina contained a total population of 393,751, ranking as total population of Wirginia to the Union Virginia to th In consequence of the failure of the third State in the Union, Virginia results from our labors. In a matter so public buildings of the State. The expenses, vital, we should not too closely count our however, might be lessened by diverting the With as large a territory as New York, dollars, for money judiciously expended labor of a portion of the convicts to some em-State. If a portion of the prisoners were put to work in a shoe shop, and a part to manufacturing furniture or agricultural implements, it would diminish the cost of their imprisonment, while a considerable number could be kept at evidently a matter of moment to the State, not service of process and enter an appearance only 84,352 in ten years. In 1810, she for all the good people of the State, irres-because it would be the means of training the pective of their opinions on political sub- younger convicts to a valuable trade that will jects. The object of its officers has been enable them, when discharged from confinement, to foster not only agriculture, but also to obtain remunerative employment, and relieve manufacturing and the mechanic arts, and the communities wherein they reside of an idle bestow upon them that attention and of the results has been highly analysis and vicious population. Such good results have the results has been highly encouraging been seen in cases already discharged, where and gratifying. By the annual exhibitions shey had been kept at work in the small shoe of the products of the State; by the com- shop established and operated at the Penitening together of our best and most enter- tiary. Would it not be well to require the Judges of our courts to sentence all convicts, tion of capitalists of other States and the trade in the Penitentiary, and make the sentence

the trade? \_ I would respectly call the attention of the General Assembly to chapter 144 of the Laws of 1872-73, it being the revenue law, and to section four of class I. This forbids any of the succeeded in perfecting a Fair creditable the penitentiary and the erection of outer walls the 6th of the same month to all the vacancy. around the same and for no other purpose," thus from the provisions of Chapter 157 of the same session, ratified on the same day with the Revenue law, within section four, the Board of Directors "in directed to prosecute to as early a completion as possible the construction of the penitentiary," and in section one to make as many of 8,000,000 brick as possible-in section 6 to make the fron cell doors and in section 7 to hasten the erection of one wing of the prison building. All this to be done as provided in the Act will necessarily require skilled labor and material. How, I ask gentlemen, can these be provided for, if all the tax levied for the penitentiary must be applied to the support of tion to you, I respectfully refer you to an apthe convicts and erection of the outer wall, and pendix which is hereto attached, and which for no other purpose?

> buildings, I recommend an appropriation for the wants of the building department from the general fund, so that the work may be pushed to a county, and next to the last included in the

ty have appointed a committee to apply the aid of a few skilled workmen under the to your honorable body for amendments supervision of the able architect, the work can shall be so changed that the wall of the main prison shall be constructed of brick instead of stone. So expert have convicts become in quarrying and cutting stone, and at so small a cost is the stone now laid, that there exists no necessity for mutilating the harmony of the plan or destroy-ing the beauty of the building. As a matter of architectural taste, and becoming State pride, the original plan should be adhered to, particufarly as the report of the architect, which acscampanie that of the Directors, shows that the difference in the cost is so small that it should scarcely be considered.

of want and poverty), to again violate the law, and as an act of humanity, I recommend that

INSANE ASYLUM.

The annual report of the President of the Board of Directors, accompanied by the reports of the officers of this Institution, is herewith be officially informed of the highly prosperous and not feeling an absolute certainty that the amendments have not been made in conformity and of its able and successful management.—

when it is equally due to all. It is enough say, that the Institution was never in a m message, urging the General Assembly to

present building, or erecting a branch Asylum

shows that it has been highly prosperous during the past session, and that the usefulness increases every year. The importance of sustaining this charity cannot be over-estimated. It is far liener to educate our deaf, mate and blind popufation, and then useful members, of socity, than become burdens to their friends and the public.
The management of the Institution has been highly satisfactory. I feel confident that it has been conducted with as much economy and good judgment, as any similar establishment in

The revisal of the statute laws now in force this State, has been completed by the Hon. W H. Battle, to whom the work was assigned by it now stands, made it imperative upon you to your honorable body, and the printing and binding done by workmen in our own State. I can-Why then pass a resolve to do, what the not too highly commend the diligence, faithful-Constitution enjoins, aye, commands you to do? ness and ability of the learned compiler, and You are now here in regular annual session in the superior workmanship of Messrz. Edwards obedience to the Constitution, or you are here & Broughton, the printers and binders. The from persons of the highest character and on your own adjournment, and this is but a con- work reflects the highest credit upon the State and will be indispensible to the legal profession and all public officers. I take occasion to sug-If it be a regular session as provided by the gest the passage of a law making it incumbent on the country officers, to whom the book is gratuitously firmished, to turn over their copies to their successors, whenever their own terms expire. If this be not done the State will incur a heavy expense in furnishing a copy to every new officer who may succeed those now

#### PRIVATE CORPORATION

A large portion of the time of the General Assembly is consumed in passing charters for private curporations, notwithstanding there is a law on our statue book enabling any three or more persons, associating themselves together, to procure a charter from the clerk of the Superior Court of the county wherein they propose

enrich themselves, have no right to tax the peo- white spot on his right flauk, also a white ple in order to put their own machinery in mosection of chapter 199 of the laws of 1871-72 be so amended as to require each private comcorporate the company shall be read the first time in either house of the General Assembly.

Having heretofore directed your attention to the necessity of reorganizing the militia, and enacting a law to render it effective, and having failed to convince you of its importance, I forbear, now, to make any further recommendation on the subject, although I am thoroughly satisfied it is made incumbent on you by the 2nd section of the 12th article of the Constitution, as well as by a proper regard for the public safety. to act at once on this important matter.

The reports of the State officials, are herewith transmitted, and you are respectifully invited to bestow upon them that attention and considera-

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Virgil S. Lusk, Esq., Solicitor for the 11th Judicial District, tendered his resignation as such on the 14th day of November, 1872, which was accepted, and Marcus Erwin Esq , appointed fill the vacancy. Hon. Thomas Settle was on the 5th day of

December, 1872, commissioned Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Hon. Robert P. Dick, resigned.

Marcus Erwin, Esq., Solicitor of the 11th Judicial District. tendered his resignation on the 2nd day of March, 1873, which was accepted and William G. Candler, Esq., appointed on Afred G, Morrison, Esq., a member of the House of Representatives, from Lincoln county, resigned his place on the 6th of March, 1873 and an election to supply the vacancy, ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in August, the day of the regular election.

Richard C. Badger, Esq., a member of the House of Representatives, from the county of Wake, tendered his resignation on the 4th day of April, 1873, which was accepted, and an elecfion to supply the vacancy ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in August, the day of the regu-

PARDONS, RESPITES AND COMMUTATIONS.

For a list of the convicts pardoned and respited, and of those whose punishments have been existed for years. commuted since my last annual communicacontains the reasons that moved me to exercise elemency in each case. Your attention is particularly invited to the case of Alexander Thorn and Thomas Lineberry, convicts from Guilford

Having performed the duty required of me

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