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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

(continued from last No.).
he bad condition of our Public Roads, has long t.een the subject of general, and I apprehend, just reproaeh to the State. In been put forth heretofore, too little space
has been allotted to these daily haunts o trade and travel. A distinguished authori
that they be elassed in three descriptions, be denominated State roads, in the construction of which; the State will bear one moithrough which they pass the other moiety; by the Counties, and 3d, private roads by the individuals benefitted by them, tails, I am thoroughly persuaded that $n$ moderate amount of the public treasure in employing an Engineer for one, or at to examine routes for the chief market and mail roads of the State, under the direction of the Board of Internal Improvement, and lay them off on the most favorable tions for their construction and improve-
ment. The County Courts might be authorized to make levies, in aid of the Stat ute labor within their limits, at the most difficult points, assistance might be
afforded from the fund for Internal Im provement. Whatever other improve for ordinary transportation and travel ca never cease to be useful to the great mass
of the community.
Whether or not you shall esteem wise to adopt any of these recommenda
tions, I trust no consideration will induce a longer delay in directing an Agriculta ral, Geological and Mineralogical Survey of the State. Three-fourthe of our sister
States have now in progress, or have fin ished like examinations of their territory And in every instance, it is believed tha of Science, but have been attended with important and useful discoveries. Gold,
Silver, Iron, Copper, Plumbago, Marble and other Limestones, the finest varietie of Stone for building, of Mari and known to exist in various sections of the State
and a further exploration cannot fail to bring other resources to light, and greatly
favor the pursuits of Mining and Manu facturing-pursuits of infinite advantage to a people having so few facilities of nute examination of our soils, by persons uniting science and practical skill in Ag-
riculture, will be prodactive of improver ment in that useful branch of industry, and must dignify and elevate it in the
general esteem. Agreeably to the Act of the last Ses-
sion, entitled "An act more effectually to sion, entitled "An act more effectually to
secure the debts due for Cherokee lands, and to facilitate the collection of the same," a Board of Commissioners was solvency of the obligors, who were prin-
cipals in the bonds held by the State for purchases of Cherokee Lands. The said Board reported to me as the resur separate lists of those found solvent and insolvent accordingly. And those principal debtaccordingly. And those principal, havirg ors, who were reported insolvent, surrendered the lands, for the purchase of which said bonds were executed, into possession of the agent of tha delizered having severally executed and release, diso me deeds of surrender and release, dis claiming all right to the re-imbursement of any monies and to the re-imbursement of any monies paid on account thereol, said act, I made an power vested in me by Treasurer, directing order on the Pubic oses, to be delivered the bonds in all such cas state, residing in up to the agent for cancellation. This order
Macon county,
dated the 3d of A pril last 2 embraces a list
of bonds amounting in the aggregate to the
sum of $\$ 152,312 \quad 38$. In consideration
obtained from other States. $f$ 'which, the State beame re-invested the present requirement of Law, that with title and possession of the lands sur- in the lower section of the State, shall endered as before stated. As a full year be held at a season, when sickness generwas to elapse between the time when the ally prevails in that region, is a grievance State's agent was put in possession of which has been long acknowledged, but hese lands, and the rise of the Legisla- hitherta no remedy has been provided.
ture, it was considered best for the public It is hoped, that your present session may interest, as well as for the persons surendering, that they should be restored to i
possession of the lands as tenants of the State The agent of Cherokee Lands was, rerefore, instructed to lease the several racts and their improvements for twelve the late owners, and requiring only moderate amounts for the rent, but with a good repair as they were in that time his was attendel to by the agen
will be an important part of your present duties, to direct a further disposion of these lands, which have again be
come the property of the State. They the greatest part of the purchase money) to the greatest part of the purchase money)
and at high prices. The purchasers being unable to pay off their bonds as they became due, petitioned the Legislature for allowing a re-scission of the bargain, by a of all claim to purchase money theretofore paid on the one side, and a cancellation of the bonds on the other, in all cases wher it should be ascertained, that the purcha without calling on his sureties as provi ded in said act.
After this experience on our part, as wel ion to its lands, many years ago, it doe not seem to be wise policy, to order anoother hand, that the purchasers at the for sales were required to pay down bid-that they have since made payment to the Treasury of considerable amount on their bonds-that they are settled on he endearments of home, it seems hardly ust to expose them at an auction sale, fo ash. I therefore advise that, as to all the of affixing a fair valuation on each tract, b persons of competence and probity, and hem, on paying such valuation in cash, by given day thereafter; otherwise, that th nd shall be sold at public sale.
It may not be remembered by you, tha nly such of these lands, as were estima 1836, were surveyed and brought into market. The residue was directed "to re main subject to the disposition of a futur Legislature, and shall not be liable en yeirs since the passage of that Act, and no further dispo sition has been directed of these lands, ex ron Works, has been extended to that country, and two tracts of three thousan Law. No reasor is perceived for longer delay in the sale of these unsurveyed lands is therefore suggested, that they either entry and grant at some fixed rate per cre. The County of Cherokee now pays land tax of buta lusive of the Iron Works grants within

The increase, therefore, of the revenue, the necessity of having freeholders $r$ Jurors, and other services under the Government, the policy of fixing the popcountry, all unite in. favor of placing hose remaining lands in the possession of itizens, whe shall be pro
a fair rate of purchase.
Such information, in respeet to the Per-
tentiary system, as it was in my power o procure, was published in the Newspaers of the State, previous the Aet on that ion, in accordance wject, of the last Legislature. As the deeision of the people is understood to have been against the establishment
such an Institution here, it is deemed necessary to lay before you, the plans of
buildings for such prisons, that had been

## number among other acts of public benef-

 icence, a change so obviously just and aeedful. Not only are the liven, health, orned in the measure, but the suitors, vitnesses, and jurors, being also aubject to dministration of justice is impeded and delayed, for want of this salutary altereIn conjunctian with this, it is commen ed to your enquiry, whether all jurisdieion of Pleas in the County Courts may ot be with advantage abolished, and hose Courts be permitted to remain only or purposes of probate and County police, month. By substituting for the present ystem of County and Superior Courts, with six terms in the year, three terms onof the Superior Court held by Judges introduced far less expensive to the pubc, and the parties in legal controversies; while greater despatch and correctriess would be attained in the administration of the law. Such a change would require some addition to the present number ofJudges, to whom salaries must needs be paid, but this would be inconsiderable, compared to the payments now made to yurors and Justices attending four Courte year in the various counties, to say nothand the less accumulation of the losing parties from greater expedition in the termination of causes. If all law suits could be ended in one, or at most, two years from their commencement, instead of be ing, as they often are, transmitted from father to son, loaded with costs far exceen ing the value of the original subject of contest, it would be a reform of the great est importance. The small number of causes on most of the dockets, makes th present a favorable period for the has been
duction of this system, which the dopted and highly approved after trial, in her States of the Union.
By a resolution of the General Assem$y$ in 1840, all persons holding the offic Justice of the Peace at the close of the ssion, who had no been bedore suppli were direc regretted to learn, that by the occurrence regretted io learn, ville, in June i845, eighty-one copies of hat work, which had been sent there for ate we the property of the State, were onsumed. And no others remaining a the disposal of the Executive, 1 have been nable to furnish copies to sundry appliunable to furnish copies under the Resolution. As the only edition of this book that has ever been published, is now exhausted, and the cunty officers in several new counties mand for Justices of the Peace, a new edition seems to be required. There havial ments of ten more years, and defects havuggested that a Commissioner be appoin ed to arrange the addenda under the appropriate heads in the body of the work, or to re-cast the chapters to when been made; and propose to the next Legislature any correction of inaceuracies or defects, to the end that our Statand intelligible as possible.

## Fund will Literary

 tions for the last two years. - It will be percenived that the amount of monies, onioan to individuals, under the control of this Board, has been somewhat reduced, in eonsequence of collections of principal
which have been lent to the Publie Treabury. as directed by the General Assengpersons School for the ecancalon,or po personss, who may be Dear and in the City
been established by the Board of. Raleigh-the adrantages of which are also open to pupils who may be abie to pey buildings for such prisons, that had been

