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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the General Assembly, in annual message, in relation to the affairs of the State, delivered on the 11th day of December, 1848.

I deem it indispensable to the public service that the Board of Public Works should have the constant aid of an experienced Engineer of high and established character. True economy, and the best interests of the State, in my internal improvement, will be promoted by it. Such an officer would also be able, with little expense to the State, to make a State map, critically accurate in all its details, and to superintend the present maps ascertained to be lamentably deficient.

I have recommended that no company shall hereafter be authorized to incorporate, until such subscription shall have been made, until such time as the State shall have received the amount of \$100,000. (He dwells upon the destructive character of Railroad competition; and if we can gather his views from a hasty perusal, we find his plan is to run the Southwestern Railroad to the Tennessee line—complete the James River Improvement through the Centre—and carry the Louisiana Railroad through the Westward.)

The Governor thinks there ought to be three great Railroads, the Roanoke and the Potomac, to ensure harmony and a cheaper organization. In my former annual messages, I recommended that it be provided by law, that the Supreme Court of Appeals should pronounce no final judgment in some cases until the parties have had the same opinion, and respectfully renew this recommendation. I cannot think it politic or just to settle the rights of property, except by judgment in some persons, and to settle the rights of property, except by judgment in some persons, and to settle the rights of property, except by judgment in some persons.

DEFERRED ITEMS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARLESTOWN, Nov. 16, 1848.

Dear Sir: The undersigned, on behalf of the Whigs of Jefferson County, who desire to give some testimonial of their appreciation of your services, as Whig Elector in the recent Presidential Campaign, request your acceptance of a Public Dinner, to be given at an early day as may suit your convenience.

In the campaigns of 1840, 1844, and of the present year, your unflinching zeal and ability, whilst they demand for you an enviable celebrity as one of the most distinguished champions of our great Party, they have also secured for you the warmest admiration and gratitude, have established for you an enviable celebrity as one of the most distinguished champions of our great Party.

Very truly, your friends &c. HENRY BERRY, THOMAS BRIGGS, ROBERT T. HIGGINS, W. B. THOMPSON, JOHN M. JEWETT, W. F. TURNER, F. ALEXANDER, P. BECKHAM, GEO. B. STEPHENSON.

Dear Sir: I respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 16th inst., containing the terms of a Public Dinner, and in reply, to express my sincere estimate of your services, in the late Presidential Campaign, &c.

While I appreciate such a testimonial at the high value it justly bears, as coming from the intelligent Whigs of Jefferson—my friends and neighbors, who know me best—I must emphatically disclaim the terms of a Public Dinner, and in reply, to express my sincere estimate of your services, in the late Presidential Campaign, &c.

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