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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE, NO. 1. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBIA, November 27, 1866.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives: Your annual assembling at the seat of government has heretofore been the occasion of congratulation by the Executive...

I therefore proceed to make such recommendations as will, in my judgment, promote the interest of our common constituency.

DISTRICT COURTS. The third Article of the Constitution of this State, in the third paragraph of the first Section, directs that "the General Assembly shall, as soon as possible, establish, for each District in the State, an inferior Court or Courts, to be styled 'the District Court'..."

When deficiencies are discovered, remedy them, by amendment or modification. No human wisdom is equal to the task of giving a perfect system of Courts and Laws, when an ancient system must be revolutionized, to correspond with radical changes in social, domestic, industrial and po-

litical relations. After one year's fair experiment, it may be found that the District Court is the desideratum. The Act of the last session, "to amend the Act establishing District Courts," requires essential and material amendments, to reduce its expenses and secure its efficient operation.

Doubts have arisen whether the Superior Courts of Law can take cognizance of any offence committed by a person of color, under the clause in the third Article of the Constitution, which declares that the District Court shall have jurisdiction of all cases in which a person of color is interested, or to which he is a party.

The Governor then recommends material changes in the punishment imposed in the Criminal Law. Murder, Arson and Rape should be punished by death.

cape from their custody.

The Governor in speaking of free labor, says that the negro is invaluable to the productive resources of the State, and if their labor be lost by removal, it will convert thousands of acres of productive land into a dreary wilderness.

On the subject of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, the Governor says:

Heretofore, the interest on the public debt has been paid by the Bank of the State of South Carolina, but its loss of assets, growing out of the war, together with its large outstanding circulation, precludes the possibility of relying further upon it...

The loss of assets, and the imposition, by the general banking law of Congress, of so heavy a tax on the circulation of all other than National Banks, made it manifest that the Bank of the State of South Carolina can never resume business...

The whole amount of the public debt, principal and interest of this State, not including the debts contracted for or on account of the war, was on the first day of October last, \$5,261,227.74.

Pursuant to the resolution of the 21st of September last, passed by the General Assembly, I appointed Col. D. Wyatt Aiken, Agent of the State to make purchases of corn. Having satisfied himself fully that the double restriction imposed in the resolution rendered it impossible to effect purchases, he declined the appointment...

THE PURCHASE OF CORN.

THE INSANE ASYLUM. I communicate herewith the report of Dr. Parker, Superintendent and Physician of the Asylum. You will learn from it that there are now in the institution 143 patients, of whom 56 are paying and 97 are charity patients.

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deficiency, and what will be needed to supply the absolute wants of the poor. When you have fixed the amount, the grave question arises, how are you to supply the funds to purchase it?

The firm of Browne & Schirmer, grain merchants of Charleston and Columbia, have made a proposition to furnish corn, and have requested me to lay it before you. They propose that, if the State shall advance to them twenty five thousand dollars, which they will give approved security to refund, they will engage to furnish sixty thousand bushels of corn per month...

I have been informed that a proposition of the same sort will be submitted to you by A. M. Riker, a grain merchant of Charleston, who can furnish you with satisfactory testimonials of integrity and business capacity.

In speaking of the pecuniary distress of our people, the Governor reiterates his recommendation, that imprisonment for debt be abolished, except in cases of fraud, and when a debtor is about removing his person or property out of the State...

I invite your attention to the propriety of passing a homestead law, and of extending the value of articles exempt from levy and sale, for the head of each family. Most of the States have made much more liberal and humane provisions than South Carolina for guarding the families of unfortunate and improvident debtors against being cast out upon the world...

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house and schools were opened early in November, and they have now resumed their long suspended functions under the most favorable auspices.

The last subject in the Message refers to the Constitutional Amendment proposed by Congress. The Governor discusses it briefly, but, with great force and ability, reciting the various acts of duplicity by the Government of the United States after the surrender of our armies.

A SHREWD EDITOR.—At a Welsh celebration in New York, Dr. Jones told the following amusing anecdote:

"The speaker said the editors were like other shrewd men who have to live with their eyes and ears open. He related the story of an editor who started a paper in a new village in the west. The town was infested with gamblers whose presence was a source of annoyance to the citizens, who told the editor that if he did not come out against them they would not patronize his paper."

TAKING A RECEIPT.—The Hartford Times vouches for the truth of the following story:

"Pat Malone, you are fined five dollars for assault and battery on Mike Sweeney." "I have the money in my pocket, and I'll pay the fine, if your honor will give me the receipt." "We give no receipts here. We just take the money. You will not be called upon a second time for your fine."

"What do you want to do with it?" "If your honor will write one and give it to me, I'll tell you." "Well, there's your receipt. Now what do you want to do with it?" "I'll tell your honor. You see, one of these days I'll be after dying, and when I go to the gates of heaven I'll rap, and St. Peter will say, 'Who's there?' and I'll say, 'It's me, Pat Malone,' and he'll say 'What do you want?' and I'll say I want to come in," and he'll say, "Did you behave like a decent boy in the other world, and pay all the fines and such things?" and I'll say 'Yes, your holiness,' and then he'll want to see the receipt, and I'll put my hand in me pocket and take out my receipt and give it to him, and I'll not have to go plodding all over hell to find your honor to get one."

ANTIQUITY.—A lawyer and a doctor were discussing the antiquity of their respective professions, and each cited authority to prove his most ancient.

"Mine," said the disciple of Lysurgas, "commenced almost with the world's era. Cain slew his brother Abel, and that was a criminal case in common law!" "True," rejoined Esculapius, "but my profession is coeval with the creation itself. Old mother Eve was made out of a rib taken from Adam's body, and that was a surgical operation!" The lawyer dropped his bag.