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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE COLUMBIAN PHOENIX

COLUMBIA, S. C., DECEMBER 7, 1865.

## MESSAGE OF GOV. ORR.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SOUTH CAROLINA, December 5, 1865.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

It is my duty to "recommend to your consideration such measures as I shall judge necessary or expedient." The message of the Provisional Governor, at your special and regular sessions, brought to your attention many of the subjects meriting your consideration at the present time. Some, however, have not been noticed, and others, in my judgment, are of sufficient importance to be reiterated.

The people of the State are not in a condition to pay the usual taxes heretofore collected, and hence the necessity of omitting all appropriations which the efficient administration of the Government does not imperiously require. The annual appropriations for Free Schools and for the Military Academy, should be suspended for the next year, and the appropriations for the College, for Public Buildings, for Contingent Accounts and Claims, materially reduced. But, with all the economy that can be practiced to keep your State Government in operation, it will require such a sum to meet necessary expenditures, as will be oppressive on the people to raise. The Courts can not be opened if your Judges fail to receive their salaries. The functions of the Legislative and Executive Departments of the Government can not be performed if their pay is withheld. When you shall have determined the amount you intend to appropriate for the fiscal year, how can the money be raised to meet it? It must be done by taxation or loan. The anomalous situation in which we are placed, precludes the hope that any loan can be effected without ruinous loss. If this is true, then our only resource is taxation.