

government, and that no person shall hold more than one office, at the same time, or for under the same...

These suggestions, although made with especial reference to New York City, will apply generally to all cities...

At the last session the Legislature adopted a constitution relative to officers. They have been very generally published, and will, I trust, be favorably received...

The fact that large sums of money are expended throughout the State in maintaining the machinery of the government...

Upon principle, a registry law, if any be passed, should apply to all parts of the State...

The complaints with regard to the late election in New York and Albany are chiefly of false counting of ballots and false returns...

You have the power to attach what penalty you think necessary to any species of offence against the State...

A few years since the State voted in favor of holding a convention to frame a new constitution...

tion. It must also be remembered that the comfort, welfare and happiness of the people are affected...

I do not recommend the calling of another convention to revise the constitution at this time. The attention of the people will be much engaged...

Such a commission could have all the benefit of the debate incident to a larger body through intelligent discussion...

The Constitution of the United States was constructed by a Convention made up of the wisest and most patriotic men...

Under the existing constitution the Executive Department of the State is not so organized as to be efficient...

It appears to me proper that the Secretary of State should be appointed by the Governor without the intervention of the Senate...

The management of the prisons of the State needs great reformation. The system is at fault. A constitutional amendment has been suggested...

It might be well that the State Treasurer, being the actual custodian of the public moneys, and performing the duties now performed by the three Canal Commissioners...

tionable provisions, discovered in my examination of them. It is not right to rely solely upon the Governor...

As a better restraint upon undue prolongation of a session I suggest that power should be given to the Governor to prorogue the Legislature...

In respect to the Judicial Department the action of the people is so recent in adopting the new sixth article of the constitution...

Among the general provisions of the constitution there ought to be one limiting the amount of indebtedness which may be incurred...

I have dwelt at this length upon the defects, as they appear to me, of our present constitution...

JOHN T. HOFFMAN.

THE STATE FINANCES. Annual Report of Comptroller Nichols.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COMPTROLLER, DEC. 31, 1871. TO THE LEGISLATURE. DEBT.

This law is made the duty of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit to the Comptroller...

The following condensed statement gives the expenditures and revenues for the last fiscal year...

REVENUE, ETC. The following table shows the receipts and disbursements for the year ending September 30, 1871...

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THE LEGISLATURE. ORGANIZATION OF THE TWO HOUSES. Species of the President's Orders.

First Blow at Erie—O'Brien the "Hawk" in the SENATE. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1872.

The Senate was called to order at eleven o'clock A. M. by Lieutenant Governor Beach and Senators were sworn in.

ADDRESS OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. SENATORS—The constitution makes it my duty to preside in the Senate...

ASSEMBLY. ALBANY, JAN. 2, 1872. The House was called to order at eleven o'clock A. M. by Mr. C. W. Armstrong...

On taking the chair Speaker SMITH said: GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY—Pretending that you have conferred upon me a distinguished honor...

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