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establishing an University, requires further amendment, by providing for Medical and Law Schools as a part of the general system of University education. Many of the young men who go to the Universities of other States, to prosecute their studies in these professions, would willingly avail themselves of the opportunity, if offered, of arising here. With one Professor of Law, and two Professors in the Medical School, in conjunction with the Professor of Chemistry already there, these schools could be put into complete and successful operation, and the hope might then be reasonably entertained that the number of students would be largely increased. The Board of Trustees, for reasons which were doubtless, satisfactory to them, declined, in May last, to fill the chair of Modern Languages. This important branch of modern education should not longer go unprovided for, and the Trustees will, doubtless, fill the vacant chair at their annual meeting in December. The institution as organized during the present year, though by law an "University," has been practically nothing more than the College revived. No new branches have been taught, and so long as provision is not made for teaching the modern languages, and for organizing Medical and Law Schools, so long will the youth of the State seek other institutions, where these studies may be prosecuted. Until the University can be made to merit the patronage of the State, by enlarged facilities for acquiring knowledge in science, languages, and the learned professions, its funds cannot expect to command a general public patronage to sustain it.

The Board of Trustees now numbers nearly forty members. This makes it a very unwieldy body. Its members destroy all sense of individual responsibility in the management of the affairs of the University. Nearly one-half of the Board are Trustees *ex officio*, and, with rare exceptions, these *ex officio* members constitute, by reason of official engagements which call them to Columbia in May and December, the majority who attend its session. It was found nearly impossible to secure the attendance of a quorum (one-half of the Board), and you provided by law, at the last session, that nine should constitute a quorum in a Board of thirty-nine members. A smaller body would realize more fully their responsibility to the State for the proper management of its principal educational institution. I therefore recommend that the Board be reduced to seven members, and appointed in such manner as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, may direct.

**THE PURCHASE OF CORN.**  
Pursuant to the resolution of 21st September last, passed by the General Assembly, I appointed Colonel 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. I concurred fully in his conclusion, that the double restriction rendered the whole scheme nugatory, and I have not, therefore, appointed another Agent. The resolution required that three hundred thousand dollars of bonds should be purchased and delivered in the State three hundred thousand bushels of corn. It is reasonably certain that the bonds could not have been sold for more than seventy cents to the dollar, and corn could not be purchased, in any market, and delivered at one dollar per bushel. The correspondence between Colonel Aiken and myself is herewith communicated. The grain crop of the State has been gathered, and you are better prepared now, than at the extra session, to determine the 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 feverish and unsettled condition of public affairs has not tended to appreciate the credit of the Southern States; and if the purchase of a large amount of breadstuffs, for distribution among the poor is to be effected by the sale of State bonds, it can only be accomplished at a ruinous discount. The question is earnestly commended to your gravest deliberation.

The firm of Browne and 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 60,000 bushels of corn per month, to be sold at actual cost, with transportation and two and one-half per cent. commissions added, to the citizens of the State; invoices to be submitted to commissioners, and the corn to be subject to inspection by the commissioners or by an agent. If a larger amount should be needed monthly, that larger amount will be furnished, upon condition that the State make a *pro rata* increase of the loan. The money loaned is to be returned as soon as the contract terminates. It is proposed by these gentlemen to establish depots for the sale of the corn in Charleston, Columbia and Marion, from which points it may readily be distributed to every section of the State. The members of the firm are enterprising, and trustworthy, and, if such a contract is awarded them, they will, doubtless, fulfill its stipulations with fidelity. If the necessities of the State should require the importation of one million of bushels, to supply the wants of those who must buy and are able to pay, the saving to the people of the State, by such an arrangement, would not fall short of two hundred thousand dollars. I have been informed that a proposi-

tion 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. The plans for supplying with corn the whole population, including the Boards of Commissioners of the Poor, who will be compelled to provide for a large number of indigent persons, at a profit of only two and a half percent, to the contractor, on cost and expenses, are commended to your favorable consideration.

**THE PECUNIARY DISTRESS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.**

The short crops of grain and cotton caused the indigence of the people to press heavily on them. This state of things imposes on every generous creditor the duty of making as liberal a compromise with his debtors as he can admit without pecuniary ruin. He has been fortunate in escaping the general wreck he should cheerfully lend a helping hand to his less fortunate neighbor who is still struggling in a sea of debt. Legislation consistent with the Constitution and the general interest of the community may be adopted, which will greatly relieve the public. I reiterate my recommendation made at the extra session, that imprisonment for debt be abolished, except in cases of fraud; and when a debtor is about removing his person or property without the limits of the State, that the insolvent laws be so extended that a debtor may, by petition, on giving three months' notice, to all his creditors, require them to come in and prove their demands, and upon his surrendering his entire effects for their benefit, that they be perpetually barred from ever again proceeding against him in the Courts of this State, and that all cases where a defendant is sued and makes no defence to the action, no costs shall be taxed against him.

Persons in *ex officio* can now compromise with their debtors, but such as occupy fiduciary positions are restrained by the stringency of legal rules, and not being authorized to compromise with debtors, they frequently lose their entire estates. It is sound policy to modify those rules, so as to allow them to compound the demands they had against debtors, taking care to guard against fraud or ill-faith on their part.

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 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, homeless and homeless. The decisions of some of the State Courts have affirmed the constitutional powers of their Legislatures to enact laws increasing the exemptions from levy and sale, even upon antecedent debts. It is not by any means clear that you are precluded from enacting such a law, either by precedent reason, justice or the Constitution.

**DEBARRALS OF OFFICERS.**

Agreeably to the resolution of the 21st of September last passed by the General Assembly, a circular was issued by me, directed to each of the Tax Collectors of the State, requiring them to furnish me with a list of the names of all citizens in their respective Districts who were permanently disabled in the State or Confederate service during the late war, particularly specifying those who have been deprived of their limbs, and stating in each case whether it be an arm or leg, or both. The information thus acquired the Governor was requested to furnish to the General Assembly at the next regular session. Returns have been received from the Tax Collectors, with the exception of those of Abbeville, Barnwell, Chester, Chesterfield, Charleston, Kershaw, Lexington, Marion and Union, and the Parishes of St. George's, Dorchester, St. Helena, St. James, Goose Creek, St. James, Santee, St. John's, Colleton, and St. Stephens.

The Districts and names reported have been alphabetically arranged, and are herewith transmitted for your information. The number reported, so far as having lost legs, is one hundred and sixty-seven; one hundred and eighty have lost arms; one hundred and seventy are otherwise permanently disabled. The printing of the Journals of the extra session, together with the joint resolutions then passed, could not be completed until within the past week, and my attention was not called to your resolution of the 15th of September, "directing the Governor to invite proposals and specimens of artificial legs." Proposals have not been invited; I am, therefore, not prepared to report "the name of that manufacturer who will present the best and cheapest models, with the price thereof."

**COVERING THE STATE HOUSE.**

In conformity to your resolution of the 19th of September last, advertisements were published inviting proposals for estimates of the cost of covering the new State House, and of fitting up therein a sufficient number of rooms for the use of the General Assembly, and its officers upon the most economical plan. Bids have been received from three builders. They will be laid before the Committees of the two Houses charged with the subject, together with their respective plans, specifications and estimates. Well-informed architects represent that the building, in its present condition, will rapidly deteriorate, and I recommend that an appropriation be made to carry out the purpose of your resolution.

**GENERAL INCORPORATION ACT.**

I respectfully renew my former recommendations, that a general Incorporation Act be passed. Capital should be invited into the State by every legitimate means and ready facilities for organizing chartered companies, where it may be concentrated for enterprise too large for individual effort, would promote the

end, and are greatly needed. Such an Act would save much of the time which the General Assembly is now compelled to devote to granting charters, and would reduce, very materially, the annual cost of printing Bills and Acts of Incorporation.

**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 113 patients, of whom 56 are paying and 57 are charity patients. The latter list will soon be increased by transfer from the former, arising from the inability of present paying patients to raise funds further to support themselves. The Institution is admirably managed in all its departments, and I commend it to your continuing favor.

**THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.**

The Commissioners of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, at Cedar Springs, in Spartanburg District, met in June last, and made the necessary arrangements for putting the school into operation, under the supervision of Messrs. Henderson and Walker. The boarding-house and schools were opened early in November, and they have now resumed their long suspended functions under the most favorable auspices. The school are rapidly filling up, and promise to reach, at an early day, the maximum number heretofore attained. The reports of the Commissioners and Superintendent will be soon transmitted to you. I beg to commend this noble and humane charity to your fostering care.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY CONGRESS.**

I transmit herewith a compilation from the Hon. W. H. Seward, covering the constitutional amendments proposed by the several States of the Union, and the action of the States thereon. History furnishes few examples of a people who have been required to consider matters of the will of their superiors than the people of this South. Every concession we have made, however, so far touching the recognizing or recognizing of the rights of soldiers, their families and dependents, their widows and orphans, has been the result of our own free will, and not of any superior power. The reports of the late Confederate Government, General Johnson and Sherman, each representing the military power and authority of the respective Government, asserted upon certain portions of the population. With exceptions in some respects, those terms were in the main such as a liberal and generous view would concede to a fallen foe. They were not intended to humiliate or to degrade the people, and every organized body of soldiers in opposition to the laws of the United States were in a few days dispersed. Scarcely had the fact of the capitulation been made public, before it was announced that the terms of the peace, by the Executive authority of the United States, were proclaimed in the name of the President, with numerous exceptions, classes, to those who had participated in the war. These classes also included, and conforming to the general principle, the Chief Executive generally, and applicable to the President and the military occupation of the country, under which the rights of the citizen were regulated by no known laws. This could not be made applicable to the soldiers, and they were not to be admitted to Congress, but they were not to be excluded. It is unnecessary, however, to dwell upon a subject which has been so far and so long in the public opinion of the people of the State, that I need not, in saying that if the constitutional amendment is to be adopted, let it be done by the irresponsible power of numbers, and let us preserve our own self respect, and the respect of our posterity, by refusing to be the means of the destruction of our own country.

**A Beautiful Extract.**

It is a long time since we have read anything so beautiful in the English language as the following paragraphs. They are from an address, delivered before a convention of the press of Mississippi, by Col. Moulton, editor of the *Vicksburg Times*. Of all the tributes to the South and her lost cause which have been published, we have seen nothing to exceed this in its touching sweetness: "Southern nationality is a dream of the past. A gulf, beyond which we could not pass, yawned between us and the realization of our hopes; and though bright flowers bloomed upon its brink, and its wafted perfume, we could not cross to gather them. "The Southern cross, no longer gleams amid the wild light of battle; the sword of the vanquished is sheathed, and the hand of glory with the conqueror's scabbard, our martyred dead. But when years upon years shall have passed away—when the last of the present generation sleep with their fathers, and new forms among the old familiar places—when faction shall have faded and faded, and as free from blood and stain, will stand forth in bright relief upon the scroll of history, the record of the South, dear to the hearts of her children now in the hour of sorrow, than when on the march of victory, she won the admiration of the world. Pilgrims from all lands shall tread, with reverent step, the spot where moulders the dust of our loved and lost; while those who are to follow us will cherish as household gods the names of those who, carrying a way through the fiery ordeal, were the first to stand their principled where they could never die. Their lives may not be recognized until their names have grown feeble on the tongue of friendship, and been dropped, like dead stones, from the car of time. But it will struggle back from the hollow bosom that once died for it, and ascend the heights of Government. And when the fatal hour shall descend into the vaults of the dead past, in quest of traditions of liberty, he will discover to whom the world is indebted for their perpetuation."

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legally constituted Congress, and is not constitutionally legitimate, before a single Legislature for ratification. Waving this point, however, if it compatible with the interest, or consistent with the honor, of this State, to ratify that amendment? Do not its first and last sections, if adopted, confer upon Congress the absolute right of determining who shall be citizens of the respective States, and who shall exercise the elective franchise and enjoy any and all of the rights, privileges and immunities of citizenship? The sections referred to are not only to do this, but they subvert the theory and practice of the Government since its foundation, by arrogating the right of fixing the elective franchise conferred upon the respective State Governments, and by giving the representatives of Oregon or California in Congress the power to declare that shall constitute the measure of citizenship within the limits of South Carolina or Georgia. Who is most likely to exercise this power judiciously—the citizens of the State wherein the regulation is to be made, or non-residents, who are entirely ignorant of the population, the intelligence, localities and resources for which legislation is undertaken? With this amendment incorporated in the Constitution, does not the Federal Government cease to be one of "limited powers" in all of the essential respects which constitute such a form of Government? Nay, more does not the adoption reverse the well-proved doctrine, that the United States shall exercise no powers, unless expressly delegated by the Constitution?

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