

AS IT IS WRITTEN. THE RECORD OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUST ADJOURNED. WHAT IT DID FOR RETRENCHMENT.

The Reduction of Appropriation for Criminal Expenses Seems Justified. Numerous Measures Expected to Increase Revenue—Some Difficulties.

Could the people of Virginia know the difficulties that beset their representatives when an effort is made to cut down the expenses of State government, I know in my heart they would judge us charitably, and credit us with having achieved much.

TO BE THOUGHT OF TOGETHER. The General Assembly, whose session ended Friday, did not do all the people expected it to do. No legislative body ever did everything that was expected of it by the people.

PROMISE AND FULFILLMENT. Retrenchment was demanded by every voter in the State in the last campaign, and promised by every candidate who asked their suffrages.

Reductions in Force Will Cause. The changes necessitated by reductions in appropriations to various offices will not be made until July 1st.

TO INCREASE REVENUE. In addition to the distinctively retrenchment measures enacted, four bills to increase revenue were passed.

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LONDON, March 5.—According to the statement of a man whose cards describe him as being an electrical engineer, whose name cannot be disclosed, but who is now forwarded to Washington, he sold to Spanish officers in London several years ago a large number of mines, eight or ten of which were placed in Havana harbor.

SPAIN'S PURCHASE OF SHIPS. The News Confirmed—Five Fine Vessels Obtained.

LONDON, March 5.—Further inquiries made upon the subject confirm the report, cabled yesterday, of the sale of the two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil to Spain.

NEW ORLEANS TRACK IMPROVED. Lexington Stakes Won by Sir Phoenix—Three Favorites Successful.

THE LAKE CITY MURDERS. Offer of Rewards for Conviction of Persons Who Participated.

WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD. Order to Show Cause Why Receiver Should Not Be Appointed.