

Appendix.

Governor's Message.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

The commencement of a political year is a period of deep interest to every people that enjoy the protection of a Republican Government. The re-organisation, which necessarily takes place at this time, cannot but arrest public attention. It leads the mind of the citizen to contemplate the blessings that flow in upon him from the invaluable institutions with which his liberty and happiness are identified, and impels him to acknowledge with renewed feelings of gratitude the goodness of God, upon whom we are at all times dependent for every source of public and private prosperity.

Since the close of the last session of the Legislature no event has occurred materially to interrupt the general prosperity of the State. Its varied and important interests have been abundantly blessed, and the wealth drawn by its hardy and industrious sons from Agriculture, Commerce, Fisheries and the Arts, has amply repaid their toil.