

MESSAGE  
OF THE  
GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY,  
TO THE  
SENATE AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
AT THE  
COMMENCEMENT OF THE SESSION.

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## MESSAGE.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

*and House of Assembly:*

The duty imposed on the executive of communicating by message to the legislature, at the opening of each session, the condition of the state, and of recommending such measures as he may deem expedient, I shall endeavor again to discharge; although, from the limited character of our state operations, a knowledge of the various objects of a public nature, becomes so generally diffused and understood as greatly to lessen the interest which such a communication would otherwise produce.

We are happily free from debt. The prudent and economical policy which we have hitherto pursued, has not only placed us in this position, but has also supplied the state with such sources of permanent revenue as to render taxation for state purposes almost unnecessary. The general finances of the state are in a prosperous condition, as will be perceived from the following statement, to which I shall first invite your attention.

The receipts of the treasury during the year, from all sources, (including special loans made at different times, amounting in the whole to forty-two thousand dollars,) have been one hundred and eighty-four thousand seven hundred and eleven dollars and eighty-four cents.



The disbursements during the same period (including five thousand dollars of the above loans) have been one hundred and seventy-two thousand three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and six cents, leaving a balance in the treasury, January 1st, 1848, of twelve thousand three hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-eight cents.

The following statement gives more in detail, the condition of the finances, viz :

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury, Jan. 1st, 1847,	\$8,773.81
Transit duties received from the New Jersey Railroad,	\$12,507.68
Transit duties received from the Delaware and Raritan Canal,	18,468.69
And Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Companies,	26,745.23
	<hr/> 57,721.59
Dividends on sundry stocks,	21,000.00
Pedlers' licenses,	1,210.00
Tax on the capital stock of the New Jersey Railroad,	\$4,000.00
On the Paterson and Hudson Railroad,	1,250.00
	<hr/> 5,250.00
State tax of 1846, the balance remaining unpaid at the close of that year,	22,680.31
Interest received,	809.18
Special loans, amounting in all to	42,000.00
Forfeited recognizances,	475.00
Tax on insurance premiums,	67.99
State tax for the year 1847,	20,000.00
State Prison, surplus earnings,	1,639.52
Bond and mortgage transferred to the School Fund,	3,084.44
	<hr/> \$184,711.84

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid state account, of this amount,	\$3,411.41
Transportation of criminals and costs of conviction,	5,820.32
Incidental expenses,	5,489.27
Instruction of the deaf and dumb,	2,955.06
Revolutionary pensioners,	2,287.38
State Prison salaries,	6,460.16
“ “ repairs and improvements,	1,639.52
Interest on loans,	1,585.85
Militia,	30.00
Postage,	118.12
Printing,	7,248.97
Salaries state officers,	15,247.76
Inquisitions,	1,040.62
Commissioners building Lunatic Asylum,	32,654.00
Managers of “ “	5,000.00
Commissioners for repairing State House, &c.,	4,359.79
Commissioners for building new wing in the State Prison,	5,000.00
Court of Errors and Appeals,	1,813.90
Instruction of the blind,	2,229.86
State Arsenal,	832.50
Legislature,	16,259.08
Library,	511.49
Special loan,	35,000.00
State tax due and remaining unpaid,	15,402.00
Cash balance on deposit,	12,314.78
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	\$184,711.84

The loans, during the year past, amount to the sum of	42,000.00
Of which there has been paid	5,000.00

Showing the present indebtedness of the state to be \$37,000.00

Toward paying off this indebtedness without resorting to funds considered permanent, there is the balance in the treasury,

\$12,314.78

State tax due and unpaid, 15,402.00

Bonds and mortgages authorized to be transferred to the School Fund, 6,168.88

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33,885.66

Leaving a balance of only

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\$3,114.34



The School Fund has not materially varied from the statements made last year. When the sums due for interest on loans and the taxes applicable to the fund shall have been received, there will be the usual amount of increase.

The report of the Keeper of the State Prison, hereafter to be submitted to you, exhibits the following facts :

The number of prisoners in confinement on the 31st day of December, 1846, was one hundred and sixty-seven ; there has been received since that period ninety ; making the whole number in confinement during the year, two hundred and fifty-seven.

The discharges have been by expiration of sentence, eighty-one, by pardon twenty, by death two, and one escaped whilst employed on the new building, (one hundred and four) leaving in confinement, on the 31st day of December, 1847, one hundred fifty-three—fourteen less than at the same time last year.

To the discharged prisoners there has been paid for extra work, five hundred ninety-eight dollars forty-three cents.

The prison, besides sustaining the expense of supporting the prisoners, has furnished in cash, towards the erection of the new wing, the sum of four thousand and five hundred dollars ; and the further sum expended in repairs, and the purchase of machinery, of sixteen hundred thirty-nine dollars fifty-two cents ; leaving a cash balance on hand at the close of the year, of ten hundred thirty-three dollars twenty-nine cents.

There has been drawn from the state treasury in payment of inspectors' and keepers' salaries, six thousand four hundred sixty dollars sixteen cents.

These results will compare favorably with the operations of other years, if the high price paid for provisions and the interruptions to the regular business consequent upon the removal of the machinery, be considered.

The act to authorize the erection of an additional wing to the State Prison, approved March 4th, 1847, has been complied with, and all the purposes contemplated fully carried out ; suitable apartments for cooking, washing, baking, and store rooms have been furnished ; and the removal of the steam pow-

er and machinery attached from the old to the new part, will render the institution comparatively safe from accident by fire. Some twenty rooms, heretofore occupied for these purposes, will be restored to the uses originally contemplated in their construction. The appropriation by the legislature of five thousand dollars, and the surplus earnings of the prison to the amount of four thousand five hundred dollars, constitute the sums expended in the completion of this valuable improvement.

To the means used for the reformation of the prisoners, there remains to be added provision for their moral instruction. This defect has, to some extent, been supplied by the gratuitous services of benevolent individuals residing in Trenton; but the irregularity and uncertainty of these call for the adoption of some more permanent provision.

The report of the Commissioners for building the Lunatic Asylum, herewith communicated, gives the gratifying information that the building is now finished. The entire cost is eighty thousand six hundred and fifty dollars. The whole amount heretofore appropriated for that purpose, is seventy-five thousand dollars; this sum, with one hundred and thirty-six dollars forty-two cents, the net proceeds of the farm, has been expended; leaving a balance of five thousand five hundred and thirteen dollars fifty-eight cents, still to be provided for.

The building, from its healthy and pleasant situation, as well as from its plan and dimensions, admirably adapted to the purposes designed, is one of which the state may well be proud. The work has been executed with fidelity and economy. It has rarely happened that a public building of such size and character has been erected at so small a cost; and I feel that much praise is due to the faithful and prudent manner in which the Commissioners have discharged their duty.

The report of the Managers shows that they have organized under the act of the last session, and that they have appointed Doctor Horace A. Buttolph, superintendent, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Buttolph, matron of the institution. They have also



appointed Caleb Sager, steward, and Jasper S. Scudder, treasurer. The salaries of these officers will be seen by reference to the report.

Of the twenty thousand dollars, appropriated for fixtures and furniture, five thousand five hundred dollars have been drawn from the treasury by the managers; and five thousand sixty-six dollars and fifty-one cents expended by them. As the most economical and safe mode of lighting the building, they have authorized the construction of gas works, and have also adopted the plan originally contemplated by the Commissioners, of warming the building by steam. Their estimate of the sum necessary to be appropriated is stated in their report, to which I direct your attention.

The act incorporating the subscribers to the New Hope Delaware Bridge Company, was passed, on the part of this state, on the 23d day of January, 1812, the last section of which provides that it shall not take effect until the legislature of Pennsylvania shall vest like power and authority in the said subscribers. This, it is understood, was subsequently done, and the act went into operation. Its object, as indicated by its title and various provisions, was the construction of a bridge across the Delaware, and it was apparently passed for no other purpose.

The legislature of this state on all occasions, when it intended to confer banking privileges, has done so in express and positive terms, and the plain inference is that in this case no such privilege was intended to be granted. This institution has, however, exercised banking powers, and it may be said the state has indirectly recognized their existence. Be this as it may, the company has recently failed for the third or fourth time, and it cannot be supposed that there is now, if there ever was, a balance on hand (over and above the capital invested in the erection of the bridge) for banking purposes, on which only it is understood they base their right to exercise such powers.

Although this company exists by the joint legislation of the two states, yet from the fact that their banking office is located

on the Jersey side of the river, the odium of their frequent failures attaches to this state. That the state may be relieved from this in the future, and to secure the public from further loss, I recommend that the Attorney-General may be directed to institute such legal proceedings as may be deemed proper.

The report of the State Directors of the Delaware and Raritan Canal and Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Companies, herewith transmitted, has been prepared with much labor, and contains information valuable in reference to the management of the affairs of these companies. Its publication will be gratifying to the stockholders and the people generally.

Upon a requisition of the War Department, bearing date April 19th last, calling for a battalion of volunteers, four companies have been raised and, having left New York on the 22d day of September, are now in Mexico, under the command of Lieut. Col. Dickinson Woodruff.

The reports of the Adjutant-General and Quarter-Master-General are herewith transmitted. I beg leave to call your particular attention to the suggestions of the former of those officers.

The report of the Commissioners of Pilotage exhibits the value and efficiency of that adventurous body of men. Their business attaches to them the title of public benefactors, and the manner in which they have continued to discharge their public duties, seems to demand encouragement and support.

There are sixteen deaf and dumb, and eleven blind beneficiaries of the state in the New York and Pennsylvania institutions.

The office of Treasurer became vacant by the decease of Stacy A. Paxson, Esq., on the 25th day of May last. The vacancy thus created was filled on the 31st day of the same month by the appointment of Samuel S. Stryker, of Mercer county, who, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, has since satisfactorily discharged the duties of the office, generously continuing its emoluments to the family of the deceased.

In the death of Mr. Paxson the state has lost an efficient



and trustworthy officer, and this community a highly esteemed and useful citizen.

I have received through the agency of M. Alexander Vattmare, the well known projector of the system of international literary exchanges, a box of books, presented to this state by the Chamber of Deputies and the Minister of Commerce and Agriculture of France. Without adverting to the intrinsic value of this present, (the late reception of which precluding the possibility of examination,) the system, if adopted, is well calculated to diffuse useful knowledge and promote good feeling among nations. You will doubtlessly give to the subject that attention which the compliment suggests.

In concluding this my last annual message, I take the liberty of adverting to the works of general interest which have been commenced and completed during my official term. The State House has been greatly enlarged and improved; the public statutes have been revised and printed in one volume; the Lunatic Asylum has been erected and organized; and a commodious wing added to the State Prison. These works, in some measure growing out of the adoption of the new constitution and organization of the government under it, have been completed at great expense; and yet the state tax, during their progress, has been reduced to one half its former amount, and the state is free from debt.

I embrace the opportunity of returning my thanks for the generous support, uniformly extended to me, in the discharge of my official duties; a grateful recollection of which will always be held in remembrance. Our state has been prosperous and happy, and industry has been rewarded. The laws have been faithfully executed, and the officers attentive and diligent in the discharge of their respective duties.

May He in whose guardianship are all the nations of the earth, continue to us His providential care, and have us ever in His holy keeping.

**CHARLES C. STRATTON.**

TRENTON, January 12, 1848.

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# DOCUMENTS

## ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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Submitted 12th January, 1848.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO BUILD THE STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

To his Excellency, CHARLES C. STRATTON,  
*Governor of the state of New Jersey:*

The Commissioners appointed to build the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, respectfully REPORT :

That during the past year, the various departments of labor necessary to finish the building, have been industriously prosecuted ; and the carpenters and masons have fulfilled their contracts for putting up the Asylum edifice.

There are some items of labor connected with the fixtures, and require to be done with them, which will come under the supervision of the Managers, the ascertained amount of which is included in the stated cost of the building.

The amount expended in erecting the Asylum edifice, including the sums reported in 1846-7, is eighty thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars, viz :

Mason work and materials,	\$38,652.44
Carpenter work and lumber,	26,618.57
Slating,	3,350.49
Glass, glazing, paints and painting,	3,729.23
Copper, tin and work,	924.18
Hardware,	1,799.79
Grating, railing, casting and smith work,	2,739.57
Digging cellar,	550.00
Mantles,	139.00
Miscellaneous,	2,146.73
	<hr/> \$80,650.00

Amount carried forward,	\$80,650.00
To meet this expense, there has been received the whole of the appropriations of the legislatures of 1846-7,	
viz :	\$75,000.00
Excess of rent of farm above expense of same,	136.42
	<hr/> 75,136.42

Which, deducted from the above amount, leaves a balance against the state, unprovided for, of \$5,513.58

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELI F. COOLEY.  
CALVIN HOWELL. } Commissioners.  
SAMUEL RUSH. }

January 12th, 1848.



[B.]

## REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

To his Excellency, CHARLES C. STRATTON,

*Governor of the state of New Jersey:*

### The Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum REPORT:

That having met at Trenton, on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1847, pursuant to law, the board was organized by the appointment of James Parker, as President, and Thomas J. Stryker, as Secretary, and a committee of the board was appointed to co-operate with the building Commissioners in reference to the construction of the necessary fixtures, and for procuring furniture and stock for the institution.

On the 19th April, the board appointed Stacy A. Paxson Treasurer, with a salary of \$100, and Dr. Horace A. Buttolph Superintendent, with a salary of \$1,500, to take effect from the 1st May, 1847.

Doctor Buttolph was at the time assistant physician at the Insane Asylum at Utica, in the state of New York, of long practice in the treatment of insane persons, and strongly recom-

mended by persons of high character, as being every way qualified for the duties of the office. It was thought proper to appoint a superintendent thus qualified, at the time, so as to have his aid and the benefit of his experience in finishing the building and providing the necessary fixtures and furniture; and the result has fully satisfied the board of the advantage derived from his assistance in this respect.

In July, Mr. Jasper S. Scudder was appointed Treasurer, in the room of Stacy A. Paxson, deceased; and Mrs. Mary Buttolph was appointed Matron, with a salary of \$300, to take effect on the 1st October. Her assistance in preparing bedding and other furniture being considered necessary and of advantage to the institution. On the 1st of September, Caleb Sager was appointed Steward, at a salary of \$600, and commenced his duties on the 5th. He has been employed in the purchase of stock, in the general superintendence of the farm, levelling and clearing the ground around the building, &c.

By-laws for the government of the institution have been prepared, of which fifteen hundred copies have been ordered to be printed for distribution.

There has been drawn from the treasury of the

state, by warrants from the Governor, the sum of \$5,500.00

Of which has been expended in payment

for salaries,	\$625.00	
Fixtures and furniture,	2,947.80	
Gas works,	88.75	
Farm and stock,	306.99	
Various incidental expenses,	1,097.97	
		<hr/> 5,066.51

And there remains in the treasury of the Asylum, \$433.49

The Managers have authorized the construction of gas works, as the most economical and safe mode for lighting the building, and they have for the same reason adopted the plan of warming the building by steam.

The state of the building and the unfavorable weather for



putting it in order for the reception of patients, will probably prevent the Asylum from being in a fit state for that purpose before April next.

The expense for providing the fixtures and furniture for the institution, for the erection of the gas works, the heating apparatus, payment of salaries and wages of attendants, fencing the farm and purchase of farming stock, the improvement of the grounds, and incidental expenses, will probably require an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance already appropriated by law. A detailed estimate of these items will be furnished by the committee appointed for the purpose of superintending this branch of the business.

By order of the Board.

JAMES PARKER, *President.*

TRENTON, January 5th, 1848.

[C.]

## REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
TRENTON, New Jersey, January 1, 1848. }

SIR:—On the 1st of January, 1847, I deemed it my duty to lay before your Excellency, the neglected condition of the militia of New Jersey. Since that period no material improvement has come under my observation, and I have now to report that the same want of efficient organization prevails in most of the brigades throughout the state; that few regular regimental parades are held according to law; few fines are imposed for neglect in the performance of military duty, and still fewer collected; hence arises the impossibility of making a suitable return of all the militia of the state to your Excellency, and to the President of the United States, whereby we are not only remiss in the performance of a duty which we owe to the Union, but may be cut off from our quota of the public arms and munitions of war.

With an earnest desire to effect some change, I would most respectfully suggest to your Excellency the importance of insisting upon the regular meetings of the different brigade boards.



Of the necessity of imposing and collecting according to law, all fines for the neglect of military duty, and of immediately (if possible) supplying the places of decayed and retired field officers.

I would also suggest the importance of furnishing a suitable book of instruction, for the use of the militia, the same to be in conformity with the regulations of the U. S. army, and an excellent work adopted by a majority of the states of the Union.

Lastly, I would once more especially recommend that proper encouragement be given to that respectable class of men, the volunteers of New Jersey. Their character and their usefulness at home and abroad, demand that some fund should be judiciously provided for their special benefit.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

T. CADWALADER,

*Adjutant-General, N. J. M.*

*His Excellency,*

CHARLES C. STRATTON,

&c., &c., &c.

[D.]

## REPORT OF THE QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL.

To his Excellency, CHARLES C. STRATTON,

Governor of New Jersey :

The Quarter-Master-General of the state of New Jersey respectfully REPORTS :

That having received at the arsenal, under the act of Congress, five hundred muskets with appurtenances, (charged of the value of five hundred and eighty-four muskets), the number and condition of the arms and equipments in the state arsenal remain, with little exception, in the same relative position as at the date of the last annual report thereof, and to which he would respectfully refer.

1847.

July 1, Issued and delivered on petition and bond per order, to the use of "The Independent Blues of Alloways-town," Salem Brigade, 40 brown muskets.

" " To the use of "The Cranbury Grenadiers," Middlesex Brigade, 40 cartridge boxes, belts and plates.

Dec. 21, To the use of "The Stuart Guards of Bordentown," Burlington Brigade, 24 bright muskets, with accoutrements.



In pursuance of the joint resolution of the Senate and General Assembly, of March 4, authorizing the roof of the State Arsenal to be repaired, that duty has been performed at the cost stipulated and paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

SAM'L R. HAMILTON,

*Q. M. Gen. of N. J.*

TRENTON, January 8, 1848.

[E.]

## REPORT OF NEW JERSEY COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE, FOR THE YEAR 1847.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
PILOTAGE FOR NEW JERSEY,  
JERSEY CITY, January 5th, 1848. }

The Board of Commissioners of Pilotage for New Jersey, in making their annual report to his Excellency, the Governor, and Senate of New Jersey, beg leave respectfully to state, that during the past year, the New Jersey Pilots have had in charge (1,388) thirteen hundred and eighty-eight vessels, of which (734) seven hundred and thirty-four were brought into port; (of the latter number 659 were boarded beyond sight of Sandy-Hook), and (654) six hundred and fifty-four taken to sea; making a total aggregate of vessels hitherto in charge, of (10,115) ten thousand one hundred and fifteen.

William D. Maxwell and Nelson Cole, Deputy Pilots, having served the required term and passed their examination, have been appointed Branch Pilots.

Twenty-five (25) Pilots have been on duty.

One pilot boat has been added to the number of cruising boats, and the board take pleasure in bearing testimony to the continued zeal, enterprise and perseverance of their pilots.



The erection of the Cunard docks at Jersey City, (first suggested, as is believed, by a member of this Board, Captain William G. Hackstaff, at home and in England,) will, it is expected, be an era of much importance to the commerce of our sister great emporium. Ocean steamers of the largest burthen and draft may now be provided for at our wharves, and it is confidently hoped that an increase of trade will incite to noble emulation our pilots and those of our sister state.

Within a few years the size of our merchant vessels has been much enlarged, and ships of over a thousand tons are now almost daily piloted into or out of port with as much ease and safety as the smaller class of vessels of former years.

The examinations required by law have been duly and strictly attended to; and the board gratefully record the fact that no accident has occurred to the cruising boats or their crews, although from the very nature of their business, they have been exposed to all weathers during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

JOHN F. ELLIS, *Pres't.*

*Attest,*

WM. T. RODGERS, *Sec'y.*

[F.]

## LETTER OF MR. ALEXANDER VETTEMARE

*To his Excellency, the Governor of New Jersey :*

Sir:—I have the honor of addressing you on the subject of "International Literary Exchanges," in relation to which, it may not perhaps be assuming too much to suppose that your Excellency has heard something in connection with my humble name. On this, my second visit to America, I have so far been enabled to visit only the states of Maine, Vermont and New York. My purpose, however, is to visit, among others, the state of New Jersey, of which you are the chief magistrate, in order to invite the attention of that state to this important matter. But I find it impossible to fix the time of my arrival, not knowing how long I may be detained at Washington, where my mission at present calls me. My great desire is to be present during the session of the legislature of your state, that I might in person lay before them my views on this subject, and ask their co-operation. But inasmuch as this will probably be impossible, I take the liberty of forwarding, with this communication, printed copies of documents published by order



of the states of Maine and New York, respectively, (those of Vermont not having yet been transmitted to me). By reference to these, your Excellency will have the subject fully before you ; and it is my desire, that whatever shall therein be found applicable to the state of New Jersey, shall be considered as directly presented to the legislature by me in person ; and I therefore pray your Excellency to submit the same to the legislature, at the same time expressing my ardent hope that the legislature will consider the subject worthy of their early attention, and that such measures may be taken by them, as may result in the appointment by them of the executive, or some committee, or other agent or agents, who, in case of my arrival during the recess of the legislature, may be authorized to take such measures in reference to this subject as may enable me to make arrangements similar to those I have made to other states, in order to secure to your state the benefits promised by the system of exchanges. Should such arrangements be made, I should be most happy to receive copies or duplicates of any works, scientific, literary, judicial or others, under the control of the state, which I may present to France or the several European authorities or institutions ; and to adopt such other measures as shall enable the state of New Jersey to join the noble brotherhood of those that desire the diffusion of useful knowledge, the improvement of the human race, and the encouragement of friendly arrangements between the civilized nations of the two hemispheres, which it is the great object of the system of exchanges to advance and secure. Begging the favor of your Excellency to present the accompanying documents with my most profound respects to the legislature, with such recommendation as may seem to you proper to facilitate and effect the great object in view.

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

ALEXANDER VATTEMARE.