

of the General Assembly of that State in favour of a more perfect and more  
unions organization of the Militia, by the General Government; also a  
communication from His Excellency, William L. Murray, Governor of the  
State of New York, with a Report and Resolutions of the General Assembly  
of that State upon the same subject; and also a communication from  
His Excellency, Wilson Lumpkin, Governor of the State of Georgia, concerning  
an error which occurred on the 28th day of December last, in transmitting  
to the Executive of this State a Resolution, supposing to have been  
approved on the 22<sup>d</sup> of said month, which was not in fact approved,  
but which was rejected, and a substitute adopted, which is printed with  
the Laws of Georgia received with said communication.

These several communications, and Documents, being  
submitted for your consideration in compliance with the requests  
contained in the said communications, we respectfully recommend  
them to your attention.

Among the subjects most worthy of being brought to your  
notice, on the present occasion, God will permit us to mention one  
great work of internal improvement. Next to the promotion of  
virtue and general diffusion of knowledge, it appears to us that there  
is no more noble task, none more worthy the patriotic exertions  
of a Republican people, or their Representatives, than that of  
improving the conveniences, and facilitating the means of social  
and commercial intercourse.

Looking into history, we shall find those nations, both  
of the ancient and modern world most renowned for the cultivation  
of the arts of peace, or which have transmitted to posterity, or now  
exhibit, the highest examples of Wealth, Prosperity and liberal  
institutions, or in which we see the nearest approximation to the  
only true and legitimate ends of Government — the happiness and  
prosperity of the people — have ever been most distinguished for  
works of this description.

Could Egypt ever have been what she once was, — the  
home of Myriads of happy and prosperous human beings — the  
chamber of the arts, elegance, literature, and refinement, —  
the show house and granary of the world — but for the num-  
erous channels of inter-communication — her noble works of  
internal improvement? And for these, could the vastan Empire  
have long endured in the then condition, the world? And for  
these, would it not have fallen to pieces by its own weight? Could  
sympathies and affections have been kept alive between its various parts,  
but for the easy, free and frequent intercourse of all the citizens,  
by means of her internal improvements?

Look to Holland — to France — to England — and  
the striking contrast in favour of the latter, prosperity, and happiness  
of their people, when compared with the neighbouring Nations; and