

always be relied upon to bear their full share of the public burden, whenever the interest, and honor of the State demand it; we should not form an unwarranted restriction under temporary sacrifices for the public good, further lessen our annual income, while so large an amount of the public debt remains unpaid. This policy would in my judgment meet the public approbation, and at the same time promote the solid interests of that steadily expanding trade and commerce which the enterprise of our citizens as well as the government of our State have for so many years sedulously labored to develop. Our Commerce, Manufactures, and Mechanic Arts, our Mines, Canals and Roads, our improved Agriculture, have wonderfully added to the aggregate wealth of the State during the last few years. To conduct them with profit and advantage large capital is not only becoming more and more desirable, but absolutely indispensable; it is due to these great interests, as well as to ourselves, that no suspicion or doubt should be felt anywhere of the resolute purpose of the State at any sacrifice to discharge fully all her obligations.

I have thought proper fellow citizens thus briefly to enumerate my views to you as some of the leading topics which may command my attention as your executive officer. While I shall rely upon the wisdom of the Legislative branches of the government to aid me in an honest and judicious administration of the public affairs I shall, under the guidance of an over-riding power, endeavor to meet all the requirements of the Constitution at my hands, fearlessly, faithfully and without partiality. I mean to know no controlling influence in the discharge of my duties, save that which in my judgment is legitimately recognized by the Constitution which you have laid down as my guide, and that of the sacred interests of the people.