

of the Legislative halls & asking for admittance, that our
 voice may be acted upon & given to the people. By the
 constitution the doors are locked & the Legislature can not
 enter their own halls, without the consent of the Governor.
 The Legislature would give us admittance, at once, if they
 could, & act upon our work. At the last Session they tried
 hard to give a part of it to the people, but failed, for want
 of time to put it through the forms of legislation. The
 people have, therefore, been deprived, for one whole year, of the
 benefit of a measure which the Legislature has approved. And
 the measure (the Simplified Conveyancing) has been inadvertently
 printed as an appendix to the laws passed at the last Session
 of the Legislature. And the people supposing them to be the
 law are actually using the simplified forms of Conveyancing,
 which many like forbidden fruit before their eyes. This measure
 then, in its present condition, is doing damage in misleading
 the people & vitiating titles to property.

The Commissioners then
 have no other course left to enable them to give the people
 the fruits of their labor, than to ask the Governor to convene
 the Legislature to act upon their work. There is every reason
 why this should be done & not one reason why it should not.
 If the Legislature could not act upon the portion of our
 work already submitted to them, it is folly to suppose,
 that they can act upon the far greater work now ready
 for legislative action. And the Legislature had only one
 previous year's business to act upon, whereas the next
 will have two years' business & so of every future Legislature.
 And it is the province of the Legislature & the Legislature
 only to determine whether it can act upon measures or not,
 at a regular Session. The next Legislature, must therefore,
 unless deprived of all discretion, turn us off; and an ap-
 peal be again made to the Governor, as the Legislature
 cannot meet in extra Session without his consent, until
 the Constitution itself shall have expired with its chief
 Command entirely disregarded by the Government which it
 has installed. That it is the duty of every department
 of the Government to co-operate in giving efficacy to this
 Command of the Constitution, all must admit. Official
 oaths are to support the whole Constitution & not parts
 of it. The power of the Governor to convene the Legi-
 slature is too plain to be questioned. (Art. II, Sec. 16.; Art. III,
 Sec. 7.) The work to be done is an extraordinary work
 and can only be done at an extra Session; as the Legislature
 itself has determined. It does not come within the
 scope of ordinary legislation. It is a matter out of
 & beyond ordinary business of Government, specially
 provided by the Constitution. The Constitutional limit
 of the Session of the Legislature was intended only
 for ordinary business. It was thought, that for ordi-
 nary purposes, a limited Session once in two years was
 sufficient. The Constitution gave the Legislature the