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### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Richmond, Jan. 7, 1851.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates:

My proclamation, issued on the 16th day of November last, solicited the consideration which indeed me to convene you in extraordinary session on the 1st of January. I have, however, required of me a more extended exposition of my views upon the subject referred to, as well as the presentation of such recommendations as are demanded by a proper regard for the public interests, and the faithful discharge of my constitutional duty. These views and recommendations will be presented with as much brevity as the extraordinary circumstances of the times will justify.

Respecting a proposed amendment to the Constitution, which would alter the mode of electing the members of the House of Representatives, I feel that it would be a reflection upon the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution, if I were to propose such a change. I therefore do not propose to recommend any such change. I feel that it would be a reflection upon the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution, if I were to propose such a change. I therefore do not propose to recommend any such change.

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I now again most respectfully renew the recommendation presented in my inaugural message, that you convene in extraordinary session on the 1st of January. I feel that it would be a reflection upon the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution, if I were to propose such a change. I therefore do not propose to recommend any such change.

The only mode, therefore, of remedying the evil, that occurs to me, under the Constitution, is provided in the fifth article thereof. Common to a Convention of all the States, that a full and free conference may be had between the Representatives of all the States, for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution, and for the purpose of ratifying any amendments which may be proposed by the States.

I suggest, therefore, that you adopt resolutions in favor of the call of such a convention, and appeal to the Legislatures of the several States to meet in Convention on the 1st of January, 1851, for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution, and for the purpose of ratifying any amendments which may be proposed by the States.

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What we have suggested and recommended. These have been our opinions... We have not been able to bring our mind to a positive conclusion in reference to it...

As the Legislature, in reckless haste, and as we conceive, in a spirit of party, has decided... we should select our ablest and best men to represent us in the Convention...

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

To Consumptives. The Advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severe cough...

REB. WILSON. An experienced and accomplished Physician, has a Consulting Office for children, teaching, with great facility, the process of teaching...

THE FLOUANTIES OF THE BIBLE. The various truths which are contained in the Bible, are so interwoven with each other...

MARRIED. On the 25th ult., by Rev. B. H. Smith, Mr. Nathaniel H. Sweeney, of Henrico Co., to Miss Carolina M. Hertz, of this county.

DIED. At Christ Church, on Saturday last, CORNELIA, daughter of Rev. D. H. Smith, aged two years.

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WARGLES, JAMES. Fancy Goods, Oysters, Cakes, and Military Goods of every description.

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