

## THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,  
Jan. 12th, 1892.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—On behalf of the people I cordially welcome you and express the hope that our mutual labors will prove a benefit to the Territory and its people.

## LETTERS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

It occurred to me that if I could secure from the principal county officers and the Mayors of cities their views respecting changes or amendments that in their opinion should be made in the county government, revenue, school, probate, city government and other laws it would result in advantage to the public interests. I therefore wrote them and have received from many of these officers some very interesting letters, all of which are submitted for your consideration as exhibits to this message under the appropriate heads.

## AUDITOR AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

From the reports of the Territorial auditor and treasurer, marked Exhibits 1 and 2, it appears that the total receipts of the Territory during the past two years were \$1,477,140.31, received from the following sources:

Taxes, 1890.....	\$ 546,993.31
*Taxes, 1891.....	614,685.21
Bonds, 1890.....	124,000.00
Bonds, 1892.....	172,000.00
From other sources, 1890.....	5,644.1
From other sources, 1891.....	5,797.18
Total.....	\$1,477,140.31

\*Of the taxes for 1891, there is still due from the counties, as nearly as can be estimated, \$226,849.77.

The total amount of disbursements during the same period was as follows:

Schools, 1890.....	\$ 803,507.03
Schools, 1891, estimated.....	336,000.00
Appropriations, 1890 and 1891.....	756,342.74
Warrants issued by Auditor Clayton.....	43,362.97
Compensation Collectors, 1890.....	30,998.99
Rebates, 1890.....	8,962.03
Salaries paid by order of court.....	11,100.00
Total.....	\$1,500,313.89

This shows a balance against the Territory of \$23,173.49. This arises from several causes. (1) The payment of \$11,000 to Auditor Pratt and Treasurer Roberts, the contesting appointees, under direction of the Court, and (2) the payment of \$11,739.88 on warrants issued by Auditor Clayton in excess of the balance shown on his books. His books showed the amount of warrants in circulation on March 15th, 1890, to be \$41,623.59. Up to December 31st, 1891, the Treasurer paid \$52,862.07 on his warrants, and I am informed he has paid \$1000 since.

It is very important that we know what is the actual indebtedness of the Territory, if it can be ascertained. I am informed by Auditor Pratt that there are no books in his office by which he can determine the amount of outstanding warrants previous to March 15th, 1890, and they may be presented for payment for years to come. I recommend that the matter be investigated and a balance sheet struck if possible.

Under the law the Auditor is required to report to the Territorial Commissioner of Public Schools, on or before December 31st of each year, the gross amount of the school revenues. Under our present revenue system

he cannot determine on that date what is the net amount of the revenue. I recommend that some later date be fixed.

## THE DESERET UNIVERSITY.

The Deseret University has passed through two very successful years. The attendance has been very large, and the limited room at the disposal of the University very much overcrowded. The report of the chancellor and regents will set forth these matters very fully.

I recommend that the Deaf Mute branch be divorced from the University and be placed in a more suitable location. The building now occupied by the deaf mutes can be utilized by the University. I also recommend that the name be changed to the Utah University. This will more clearly identify this important educational institution with the name and fame of the Territory.

In connection with the deaf mute institution there should be provision made for the blind. The last census returned fifty two in the Territory. I submit herewith a communication I have received from Professor Metcalf, in charge of the deaf mutes, relative to the necessity for a separate building, marked Exhibit 4.

## THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The board of trustees of the Agricultural College have made a very full report, showing in detail the workings of the college during the past year. This college is one of the best institutions ever established by the Territory. It reaches the class who, as a rule, derive the least benefit from appropriations, and yet are the most persevering and patient of the producing classes—the farmers.

A visit to the college will convince the most skeptical that the foundations have been laid of an institution that will grow in usefulness and importance. Here in a plain and entertaining way the student is taught the branches of learning which will enable him to perform the practical duties of life. The college is worthy of our most kindly consideration. The total enrolment for this year at the time the report was made was 249, a more rapid growth than any college founded under the national grant. With this large attendance the limit of accommodation for students has been reached. It is for you to say whether this college shall remain stationary or go forward. The trustees ask for the sum of \$150,000 to enable them to complete the main college building according to the plans adopted.

In this connection it is well to remember that the college will receive under the act of 1882 either 90,000 or 120,000 acres of land when Utah becomes a State, according to the number of Congressmen at the time. During the past year the college received \$32,000 from the general government, and in a few years will be receiving the sum of \$40,000 annually.

I recommend the college and its request to your favorable consideration.

The sum appropriated to the college was accepted by me on behalf of the Territory on September 27th, 1890. The act of Congress provided that the governor might do so if the legislature should not be in session, but it required that the legislature must at its first session held thereafter formally accept

the grant. I recommend that the necessary action be taken. The following is the letter of acceptance:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
Sept. 27th, 1890.

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of September 22nd, 1890, enclosing a printed copy of the act of Congress approved August 30th, 1890, entitled "An act to apply a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the public lands to the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agricultural and the mechanic arts, established under the provisions of an act of Congress approved July 2nd, 1862," and asking for certain information required by said act before it can be put into operation, and to say in reply thereto:

First—That under an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Utah, approved March 8th, 1888, there was established a college for teaching the sciences related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, which is now receiving the benefit of the act of Congress of July 2nd, 1862.

Second—That no distinction of race or color is recognized or made in the admission of students nor in the regulation and practice of the College.

Third—The Legislative Assembly has not been in session since August 30, 1890. Its next session will commence on the second Monday of January, 1892.

Fourth—On behalf of the Territory and the College I assent "to the purpose of said grant," as provided in section 2 in the act of August 30, 1890.

Fifth—The name of the Territorial Treasurer is Bolivar Roberts; his official title is "Territorial Treasurer," and his postoffice address is Salt Lake City, Utah. I also have the honor to enclose a copy of the act of the Legislative Assembly, approved March 8, 1888, establishing said Agricultural College, and of the rules and by-laws of the College, duly certified.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

ARTHUR L. THOMAS,  
Governor.

Hon. John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

## INSANE ASYLUM.

The Insane Asylum at Provo has been badly crippled during the past two years for the want of money. Although the last legislature appropriated a large sum for the completion of the asylum buildings and the care of the inmates, there was no money in the treasury with which to pay the warrants. The board of directors has on hand today warrants to the amount of \$32,000. Their report will show the embarrassments under which the board has had to labor and the difficulties it has had to meet in providing for the care and treatment of the insane. It was compelled to borrow money at high rates of interest or else close the institution.

The board is indebted to sundry persons for work done and materials furnished in the sum of \$40,000, and it is estimated that the care and maintenance of the inmates during the next two years will cost \$104,000. It also asks for the sum of \$29,000 for the finishing of the north wing and central building, and for other purposes. I recommend that the amount asked for be given.

## REFORM SCHOOL.

This important public institution suffered a severe loss by fire on June 24, 1891. Fortunately for the Territory the insurance on the building amounted to \$30,000, which enabled