

Message of Governor Fairfield transmitting Documents.

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To the Senate

and House of Representatives.

Obeyingly to the request of the several States from which they emanate, I herewith lay before you the following Papers, to-wit:—

Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of Massachusetts "relating to the reeligibility of the President of the United States, and to the limitation of the office to a single term":—

Resolutions concerning the Public Lands; and others relative to a protective tariff:—

Report and Resolutions of the State of Vermont "on the North Eastern Boundary Question";—also in favor of "designating the same day throughout the United States for the choice of Electors of President and Vice President"; also in favor of "restricting the eligibility of the President of the President of the United States to a single term":—

Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut upon the same subject:—

Report and Resolutions of the House of Delegates of Virginia in regard to fugitives from justice; and a copy of the correspondence between the Governors of New York and Virginia upon that subject; and a

Report and Resolutions of the House of Delegates of Maryland upon the same subject:—

John Fairfield.

Cornel Schuncker,
January 25. 1842.

Message of Governor Fairfield in relation the Public Lands set apart for the benefit of Primary Schools.

To the Senate:

In compliance with a Resolves of the Senate of the fifteenth instant, I have to communicate, that, in pursuance of a Resolves of the Legislature, approved March 11, 1834, and an Order of Council of September 23, 1834, the Land Agent, on the 24th of November of the same year, selected and set apart twenty townships for the benefit of primary schools. Five of the townships have been letted for sale and settlement, under the law of 1835, and a part of the lots sold. The sum of seventeen thousand, five hundred, twenty dollars, and ninety two cents, the proceeds of the sales of timber and lands, have been collected and paid into the Treasury.

John Fairfield.

Account Chamber,
January 25. 1842.

Message of Governor Fairfield transmitting the annual Report of the Inspector of the State Prison.

To the Senate

and House of Representatives.

The Inspector of the State Prison having made his annual Report, the same is herewith laid before you.

John Fairfield.

Account Chamber,
January 29. 1842.

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Message from Governor transmitting the Memorial of the
Directors of the New York Lyceum, and other Documents, in relation to that
Institution:—

To the Senate

and House of Representatives:—

A Memorial of the Directors
of the New York Lyceum has been received, in which they express a desire
to obtain "authentic copies of the Laws, Ordinances and Documents of the
several States and principal Cities of the Union, together with the Journals
or Proceedings of the several Legislative Bodies, so far as the same may be
obtainable." Having no authority thus to dispose of the Laws, Legislative Journals,
&c. of this State, the Memorial, together with the second annual Report of
said Institution, and a letter from its President to my immediate predecessor
in office, are herewith transmitted for your consideration.

John Fairfield.

Senatorial Chamber,
February 1st 1842.

Message of the Governor transmitting the Proceedings of the
Common Council of the City of Alexandria:—

To the Senate

and House of Representatives:—

I herewith lay before you an
account of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Alexandria,
agreeably to a request therein contained, upon the subject of a retrocession of the
City and County of Alexandria to the State of Virginia.

Senatorial Chamber,
February 1st 1842.

John Fairfield.

W. H. R.

Message from the Governor transmitting a Communication from the Adjutant General relative to the Militia Law.

To the Senate

and House of Representatives.

I have received from the Adjutant General a Communication relative to the new Militia Law, a copy of which I have thought proper to lay before you, believing that it contains many suggestions worthy of your serious consideration.

However judicious the proposed reduction of the Militia may be, I am constrained to believe, that a more favorable time should be selected for carrying it into effect. The disbanding of so many companies and the reorganization of new ones, as the Law contemplates, will be a work of time, requiring also more accurate information, on the part of those charged with this duty, than is now possessed.

Such a radical change, and the consequent dismissal of half the number, or perhaps a still larger portion of the officers now in commission, cannot fail, I think seriously to impair the present efficiency of our Militia; however the experiment may prove in its final results.

No change in the system, which does not tend directly to improve and invigorate it, can be advisable, while the boundary question remains unsettled, and new causes of difficulty with Great Britain are daily multiplying.

I will, therefore, recommend such amendments of the Law, as shall obviate the difficulties suggested.

John Fairfield

Annexed Chamber,
February 4. 1842.

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Message of the Governor transmitting Report and
Resolutions of the State of South Carolina.

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To the Senate

and House of Representatives:

Obediently to the request of
the Governor of the State of South Carolina, I herewith lay before you a
copy of a Report and Resolutions of the Legislature of that State, in relation
to the controversy between the States of Virginia and New York, touching the
question of Fugitives from Justice; together with a copy of an Act relating
to the same Subject.

John Fairfield

Secret Chamber,

February 21. 1842.

Message of the Governor transmitting Resolutions of the State
of New Jersey:

To the Senate

and House of Representatives.

Obediently to the request of the
Governor of the State of New Jersey, I lay before you a copy of a Resolutions and
Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of that State upon the subject of a
protective tariff;

John Fairfield

Secret Chamber,

February 22^d 1842.

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Message of the Governor communicating the Resignation of
Major General Bedford.

To the Senate

and House of Representatives:

Major General Charles W.
Bedford, of the eighth Division of the Militia, having at his own request been honorably
discharged (a vacancy had occurred) in that Office, to the filling of which, I would
respectfully call your attention.

Wm. T. Higginby.

Verona, N. J.,
February 28th 1892.
