

of patriotism, and to induce a sincerity of purpose, which do not operate upon citizens, whose attachment to the soil is founded only in accidental or transitional circumstances.

Believing this subject to be of great and increasing importance to the prosperity of our State, it will give me pleasure, gentlemen, to cooperate with you in any course of measures which your wisdom may devise for its direct encouragement, and I cannot forbear to invite the exercise of the utmost liberality on your part, that may be thought consistent with your powers as legislators.

A foundation may be laid for great increase of wealth in our State, by disseminating practical information upon the subject of cultivating the Mulberry tree and the raising of silk worms for the manufacture of silk. It cannot be doubted, that for these purposes, numerous advantages are possessed by our citizens. And in view of what is doing in other States of the Union in this important and growing branch of manufactures, it must be worthy of your consideration, whether through the public munificence, though exercised upon comparatively a limited scale, an impulse may not be given to individual enterprise upon this subject, that will redound hereafter to your own honor as provident guardians of the public good, and to the incalculable benefit of the State at large.

The cultivation of Hemp is another branch of agricultural industry, which is commended to your consideration, as highly worthy of additional encouragement by the State. It is a product adapted to our soil and climate, to a degree unappreciated as yet perhaps, by a majority of those who are most immediately interested in its improvement. It is of a nature to resist successfully the drought and