

and maintainance of a Manual labor school, to be under the supervision and patronage of the Baptist denomination. It will soon be in process of erection and will be completed before our next annual Council. It will therefore be necessary for you to take some action toward securing an increase of our school funds: so that this institution may receive a support, as liberal as is being granted to those boarding schools which are now in existence.

The school fund, however, is not the only fund which needs to be enlarged. Our government is an expensive one - and our income has during the past few years greatly decreased. This has resulted from failure by the United States Congress to make provision for the payment of those sums which according to treaty stipulations, are payable only during the will of the president.

This source of income may not be revived as the present policy of that government is to decrease its expenditures.

The amount of our National indebtedness is constantly increasing, so that unless, either our expenses are lessened or some new source of income is provided our Government must at no distant date become bankrupt.

At this time, I see no means by which these embarrassments can be over-come but by the disposition of that portion of our domain which is now occupied by the Seminoles. This