frugality, six hundred dollars, in addition to an amount equivalent with that appropriated for that purpose at the last session, will not be any too much. — The expenses incident to the intercourse, treaties &c with the native inhabitants will consume something, and ought to be provided for; — and a tax on the fund in behalf of distressing cases among the poorer class, and the interment of those where no means are to be found to meet the expenses, involve a consideration worthy of notice.

The freehold and non-freehold tax, has been met beyond our expectations. The importance of contributing directly in aid of governmental operation, has been evinced generally, and but few attempts have been made at its infraction or contravention. I favor its constituting a special fund for the repair of highways and for the ex= =tension of roads. Such a disposition of it, would give evidence of its utility in no small degree, by the removal of obstacles to the easy travel of draft-oxen, whose passage to regions where no small a= =mount of labor is employed in the timber line, is now interrupted by creeks and other impediments. — Besides, it would lessen the price of the present system of portage twenty-five or more per cent, and thereby enable laborers in that direction, after a while, to compete favorably in market value with foreign imported material of the same kind, now commanding a price considerably less. —

From the report of the Surveyors of roads it will be noticed that much in that department is necessary to be done. The contemplated settlement by new immigrants on tracts of land bordering on the large branch, and beyond the stream denominated "Boones Creek", has made it necessary to extend the roads; and measures are in preparation to erect substantial bridges over streams, heretofore only passable by the nimble footed aboriginal whose early training renders his steps safe. — The roads in various parts want widening; and the causey between Mt. Vaughan and Jacksonville is too narrow to admit the transit of meeting teams. — Various parts of the Avenue in West Harper want leveling and put in good traveling order. But only a part of these wants can be supplied now. — Under this head, I would sug=

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