

## The Encouragement of Industries

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Editors Messenger:

Considering the question of the appropriation by the city of \$150,000 for the purpose of inducing the establishment of "new industries," aside from its legal status, it would seem that a common sense view of the subject may be, with advantage, presented for consideration of our citizens, and the following interrogatories will possibly suggest an idea:

Would not the donation of money by the city to any new manufacturing industry, similar to those now in operation, be a discrimination?

If Wilmington, as a commercial centre, does not offer natural advantages to new industries which would assure them profitable returns in their operation, to what extent would the division of this appropriation contribute to their success?

How many new industries can \$150,000 induce to come here, what would be their importance as contributing to the city's prosperity?

Does not the establishment of "Delgado Mills" suggest that it is not an appropriation by the city that is needed, but individual enterprise?

Would it not be well to ascertain the contributing factor in the rapid advance made in manufacturing enterprises in Charlotte, Greensboro, and other cities in this state, and profit by their examples?

Would it not be more conducive to Wilmington's prosperity to build up the agricultural interests around us, by advertising the farming advantages, where the culture of all profitable crops is possible?

Above all, would it not be more conducive to our lasting prosperity to appropriate money exclusively to the improvement of the city, to secure good water, good roads, good streets and a modern sanitary system, etc? With these we need pay no enterprise to come here, as of their own volition and good sense they would locate.

Have not our appropriations to induce railroads to build to this city proved the futility of the effort to secure lasting benefits through such artificial means?

Respectfully,

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