

It is inexpedient for the County Court to act as an organ in making subscriptions of stock or borrowing money to carry on works over which it has no legitimate cognisance or control. The case of the district of Columbia is a very apt illustration. Taxation & Representation should go hand in hand together. This principle would be violated were the County Court to assume to exercise the taxing power. The Court had exercised this power simply getting the sanction of the Legislature & not enquiring into the wishes or consent of the people. In the case of the Ch^o Railroad they found their powers of their own but simply expressed a wish to act in the manner desired if the Legislature ratifies the proceeding and the people do not dissent and refuse their consent. This it appeared to me was an improvement upon their previous practice & as it was in the popular principle the will of the people I was willing to take it for so much as it was worth. It subjected them if ^{in future shall} they follow their own doctrine to the will of the authority of the people which had not been before. Another alteration for the better was in the mode of taxation. They had previously raised the money necessary for their subscriptions for Inter^{al} Impro^{ve}ment purposes by a poll tax & not by an ad valorem tax. Take it altogether