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OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF KENTUCKY

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR BRAMLETTE,

FOR THE YEAR 1865-6.

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GOVERNOR'S LETTER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, January 24, 1867. }

Lt. Gov. R. T. Jacob, Speaker of Senate:

I transmit herewith, to be laid before the General Assembly, the Report of General D. W. Lindsey, Adjutant General of Kentucky, for the year ending December 31, 1866.

The important matters and suggestions embodied in the Report will command the attention of your body.

The complete returns of the enrolled militia (one county wanting) exhibit an aggregate of 144,086. They are, however, ineffective as militia, being without organization.

Accompanying the Report is a copy, for the Senate, of the first volume of the historic record of the Kentucky soldiery. This work, ordered by resolution, approved February 12, 1864, so far as completed, has been executed in a most thorough and satisfactory style; and when completed entire, will be a work worthy our noble State as a permanent historic record of her patriotic soldiery, and will be of inestimable value to the soldiers and their families.

The Adjutant General's office, for its system, order, and completeness, challenges comparison with any office in the United States—Federal or State.

THO. E. BRAMLETTE, *Governor.*

REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, KY., Jan. 22, 1867. }

To His Excellency, Tho. E. Bramlette, Governor and Commander-in-Chief:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following Report from my Department for the year ending December 1st, 1866:

This Report has been withheld until the present time through a desire to forward with it copies of the first volume of the Report, from this office, of Kentucky soldiers, called for by resolution of the General Assembly, approved February 12th, 1864, and ordered to be printed at the last session of the present Legislature.

With the blessings of peace surrounding us (all of our troops, both State and National, except two or three colored regiments, having been mustered out and discharged), it was but natural to conclude that the labors of this office would have been materially lessened during the past year. Such, however, has not been the case. While the duties have been lessened in some particular departments, other and new branches of labor have arisen, which have been more than the constant employment of my very small clerical force could attend to. Instead of the anticipated respite from the arduous duties; such as attended the organization of new commands and the recruitment of those already in the field, the filling up of quotas, adjusting credits, &c., the duties have been equaled, if not surpassed, by the labors consequent upon the rapid muster out of our troops and the general closing up of their rolls and records.

In my last Annual Report it was stated that the records of this office were deficient in the rolls and other statistics of the troops furnished by this State in the Mexican war, the only papers relating thereto having been destroyed by the burning of the office of the Secretary of State. The records of several regiments in the late war were also deficient. Every effort has been made to supply these deficiencies, and I am happy to state with comparative success, so far as regards the troops of the late war. With the exception of two or three regiments, complete muster-out rolls of our volunteers have been obtained, the value of which, to the sol-

diers or their representatives, and the citizens having claims against the Government, can hardly be fully estimated. They, with other valuable records, such as muster-in rolls, regimental returns, official reports of casualties, and various other important papers, have been properly assorted and labeled, and are now preserved in the fire-proof vault connected with this office.

Two attempts have been made to obtain from the War Department, at Washington, copies of the records of Kentucky soldiers who served in the Mexican war, but without success; and I now confess I have exhausted every means known to me of supplying these valuable papers.

The work of closing the records of this office has been extremely laborious, and of a most perplexing nature. The muster-in rolls, regimental returns, and muster-out rolls, often conflict, the one with the other. Such cases have occasioned lengthy and voluminous correspondence.

Applications have been received by almost every mail from soldiers, requesting the correction of errors to their prejudice upon the rolls. These have received prompt investigation, which, in many instances, has been the means of preventing injustice to brave and gallant men.

A large amount of correspondence has been occasioned during the year by inquiries from anxious relatives and friends of soldiers who were killed, or died of disease or wounds received in the service, or who failed to return home after they were mustered out. Prompt answers have been given in all such cases, and if the requisite information could not be found upon the records of the office, every effort has been made to obtain the same.

I have been surprised at the great number of applications received during the year from the Pension Office, the Second Auditor in the Treasury Department, the Surgeon General's Office, and other Departments at Washington, for information respecting the military record of soldiers who have been in service from this State as affecting their claims for pensions and arrears of pay and bounty, or as affecting the claims of citizens for horses, forage, or other property taken for the use of the army. It had been supposed that all material facts were matters of record in the office of the Adjutant General of the army; but I learn that applications for transcripts of the State records are only made in cases where the records of the War Department fail to furnish the necessary information. In nearly every case I have been enabled to furnish the required transcript or certificate, and this evidences the practical value of the records and files of this office (as now classified and preserved) to the soldiers from the State, or their representatives, and the citizens generally. To all authorized attorneys or agents, any information to be obtained in the

office affecting the interests of soldiers, has been cheerfully and promptly given, although often causing serious delay in the discharge of most pressing duties.

To convey some practical idea of the extent of the duties and labor performed in this office during the last year, I would state that over four thousand letters have been received and answered; transcripts or certificates from the rolls have been furnished the Departments, at Washington city, in over two thousand cases, and to claimants, or their attorneys, in as many more. And, in giving this information, it must be remembered that in a majority of cases it required long and patient search to trace the soldier from his original muster into the service, through the various rolls, until finally disposed of.

The manuscript has been collated and copied, from the rolls and records, for over twelve hundred pages of the report, the first volume of which accompanies this. This work is arduous, requiring great patience, careful attention, and a discriminating judgment in its proper performance. It has, however, been thus far faithfully performed, and presents the true history of each officer and soldier as shown by the records of this office; great pains having been taken in reading and re-reading the proof-sheets. It is respectfully suggested, that if the second and last volume of this report, upon which we are now at work, were pushed forward to completion, it would in a great measure relieve this office of a vast amount of labor, if it does not even justify a return to a peace footing. In order to do this, however, the clerical force of this office, as well as the salaries of the same, should be increased. It occurs to me that it would be economy to place at the disposal of the Adjutant General a sufficient force to put the information contained in his office in the hands of the public, in this durable and convenient form, rather than to employ a limited number of clerks (not sufficient to perform the current labors of the office) for years to come.

At the last session of the Legislature I informed the Military Committee of each House that, in my opinion, it would require four first-class clerks to enable me to properly discharge the duties of my office. After an examination of the office in its various branches, and the amount of labor to be performed, the Committees reported in accordance with my suggestion. The Legislature, however, in its final action, reduced my salary to \$1,200 per year (one half of my former salary), and limited me to two clerks at \$1,000 each. The result has been, that I could not perform the duties of the office, notwithstanding I have employed clerks at private expense, and worked until ten o'clock at night. I now think that there should be not less than six clerks assigned to this office, with such pay as

will command the services of competent men. Cheap clerks cannot be used in this office; or, at least, I am not willing to risk them. I would further suggest, that the amount deemed necessary for the hire of clerks be placed at the disposal of the Adjutant General, to be distributed among the employees in the grade of their capacity and industry. It would, I am sure, redound in benefit to the State. I most earnestly urge an examination of the accompanying volumes by the members of the Legislature, and also a personal inspection of my office, feeling satisfied that the justness and correctness of my views, as herein expressed, will be made the more apparent thereby.

Under an act of the Legislature approved August 30th, 1862, and the amendments thereto, in relation to the arrears of pay due deceased soldiers, &c., the following claims have been audited and the amounts found due certified to the Auditor for payment, viz:

Tho. B. Ellis, Co. K, 6th Kentucky Infantry.....	\$16 47
Mathew E. Newcomb, Co. E, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	23 59
Jesse Bryant, Co. —, 49th Kentucky Infantry.....	61 61
Geo. W. Stoveall, Co. —, 39th Kentucky Infantry.....	61 96
Wm. F. Stillwell, Co. —, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	5 94
J. B. Gaddis, Co. —, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	19 51
L. W. Payne, Co. —, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	15 69
R. Whitaker, Co. —, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	28 68
Tho. F. Robins, Co. B, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	38 12
Dudly R. Middleton, Co. E, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	27 32
James Loudon, Co. H, 6th Kentucky Infantry.....	24 26
M. B. Johnson, Q. M. 6th Kentucky Cavalry (suspended).....	403 59
Isaac Mitchell, Co. C, 3d Kentucky Cavalry.....	47 49
Geo. W. Kidd, Co. A, 21st Kentucky Infantry.....	13 00
Marion F. Groves, Co. H, 16th Kentucky Infantry.....	13 49
Hugh A. Jones, Co. D, 17th Kentucky Infantry.....	26 00
Green Shehan, Co. H, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	28 33
Richard Polk, Co. L, 3d Kentucky Cavalry.....	13 20
Geo. Williams, Co. B, 18th Kentucky Infantry.....	34 38
Harden Brandenburg, Co. D, 8th Kentucky Infantry.....	94 78
Samuel M. Hardin, Co. H, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	144 01
Samuel T. Wallace, Co. F, 17th Kentucky Infantry.....	17 33
John Lynn, Co. C, 17th Kentucky Infantry.....	27 30
Bluford Arthur, Co. H, 12th Kentucky Infantry.....	49 83
J. E. Ringo, Co. L, 2d Kentucky Cavalry.....	37 26
R. H. Kilpatrick, Co. G, 16th Kentucky Infantry.....	141 19
J. B. Arthur, Co. C, 14th Kentucky Infantry.....	177 20
Jesse Everly, Co. A, 26th Kentucky Infantry.....	45 93
Martin A. Brookshire, Co. A, 20th Kentucky Infantry.....	28 66
Jno. S. Noffsinger, Co. C, 3d Kentucky Cavalry.....	21 23
H. W. Cain, Co. E, 12th Kentucky Infantry.....	73 23
Jas. W. Archibald, Co. E, 16th Kentucky Infantry.....	22 53
Geo. W. Rankin, Co. G, 18th Kentucky Infantry.....	31 63
Jno. J. Bennett, Co. F, 17th Kentucky Infantry.....	7 36
E. W. J. Masey, Co. D, 27th Kentucky Infantry.....	17 76
Total.....	\$1,839 86

In the case of M. B. Johnson, Quarter-Master 6th Kentucky Cavalry, marked "suspended," the papers have been acted upon in this office, and the amount certified to the Auditor; but the same cannot be paid, inas-

much as the amendment under which the same was presented and audited was not passed by a call of the yeas and nays, as required by the Constitution. I would respectfully suggest that this defect in the law be remedied. Several claims are now on file suspended for additional evidence of enlistment and service, or proper discharge from the service.

Before closing my report, I must state, that, in the discharge of the duties of Inspector General, thrown upon this office at the last session of the Legislature, but little has been done. First, because I have had more to do than it has been possible to accomplish in my own office; and, secondly, for the want of a proper militia law. I have presented very fully, in my previous reports, my reasons for believing that an efficient and well-drilled and disciplined organized militia is essential to the welfare of our State. The annual enrollment of the militia has, by persistent efforts, been obtained complete, except for the county of Perry—a success unattained for several years past. Having just emerged from a sanguinary war of four years' duration, this enrollment for the year, a statement of which is appended hereto, becomes an item of interest and importance.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. W. LINDSEY,

Adjutant General of Kentucky.

Report of the Enrolled Militia of Kentucky, for the year 1866.

COUNTIES.	No. Enrolled Militia.
Adair	1,248
Allen	1,012
Anderson	767
Ballard	1,350
Barren	1,747
Bath	1,223
Boone	1,367
Bourbon	1,360
Boyd	928
Boyle	839
Bracken	1,793
Breathitt	463
Breckinridge	1,731
Bullitt	764
Butler	1,206
Caldwell	1,084
Calloway	1,457
Campbell	3,706
Carroll	704
Carter	1,074
Casey	954
Christian	1,759
Clark	1,092
Clay	1,023
Clinton	689
Crittenden	1,215
Cumberland	914
Daviess	2,711
Edmonson	667
Estill	722
Fayette	1,193
Fleming	1,454
Floyd	994
Franklin	1,248
Fulton	835
Gallatin	592
Garrard	1,095
Grant	1,147
Graves	1,509
Grayson	1,311
Green	932
Greenup	1,326
Hancock	802
Hardin	1,769
Harlan	654
Harrison	1,797
Hart	1,509
Henderson	1,562
Henry	1,446
Hickman	897
Hopkins	1,598
Jackson	496
Jefferson	14,329
Jessamine	948
Johnson	982
Kenton	4,209
Knox	1,112
Larue	1,023

LIST OF ENROLLED MILITIA—Continued.

COUNTIES.	No. Enrolled Militia.
Laurel	831
Lawrence	1,286
Letcher	370
Lewis	1,071
Lincoln	1,162
Livingston	760
Logan	1,707
Lyon	760
Madison	1,816
Magoffin	545
Marion	1,406
Marshall	1,111
Mason	2,418
McCracken	1,414
McLean	918
Meade	1,201
Mercer	1,220
Metcalfe	796
Monroe	1,132
Montgomery	770
Morgan	732
Muhlenburg	1,346
Nelson	1,381
Nicholas	1,246
Ohio	1,826
Oldham	720
Owen	1,766
Owsley	655
Pendleton	1,712
Perry. (No return.)	
Pike	991
Powell	316
Pulaski	1,943
Rockcastle	850
Rowan	324
Russell	801
Scott	1,259
Shelby	1,517
Simpson	1,161
Spencer	778
Taylor	884
Todd	1,218
Trigg	1,392
Trimble	645
Union	1,651
Warren	2,188
Washington	1,176
Wayne	1,364
Webster	1,229
Whitley	592
Woodford	756
Wolfe	636
Total	144,086