

REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF KENTUCKY

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR STEVENSON,

FOR THE YEAR 1868.

## GOVERNOR'S LETTER.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
FRANKFORT, KY., January 11, 1869. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have the honor of laying before the General Assembly the Annual Report of the Adjutant General for the past year.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. STEVENSON.

## REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
FRANKFORT, KY., November 30, 1868.

To His Excellency JOHN W. STEVENSON,

*Governor and Commander-in-Chief:*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following Report from this office for the year ending November 30th, 1868:

In my last Annual Report I stated my views in regard to the Militia of the State, and I would respectfully refer your Excellency to the facts there set forth.

The Militia called out in Marion and adjoining counties, to aid the civil authorities, performed their duty to the entire satisfaction of the county officials, and were at once disbanded; since when, five companies of Active Militia have been organized—four of them in the city of Louisville and one in Bullitt county. To what extent the State has failed to comply with the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, in not having the Militia organized, may be seen by reference to its requirements. The objectionable features of the now existing Militia laws of Kentucky have served to paralyze all efforts at organization.

Efforts were renewed by me, with the view of obtaining from the War Department at Washington City the copies of rolls contemplated in resolutions of the Legislature of February 12th, 1864, and January 26th, 1866—as yet with no satisfactory result.

I have received rolls and reports covering the discharge from service of the following men and organizations, since the publication of the Adjutant General's Report of 1861-6, viz:

George W. Franklin, Company L, 3d Kentucky Cavalry.

Edward Davis, 2d Lieutenant, Company D, 5th Kentucky Cavalry.

J. P. Bennett, Corporal 7th Kentucky Cavalry, 6th Kentucky Veteran Cavalry, and Veteran Reserve Corps.

Z. T. Adams, Company F, 3d Kentucky Infantry.

J. K. Chapman, Company G, 20th Kentucky Infantry.

Muster-out rolls of 114th Regiment, United States Colored Inf.

Muster-out rolls of 125th Regiment, United States Colored Inf.

During the year the office letter-books show that 1,327 letters were received and answered. The Department of the Cumberland Headquarters orders have been filed complete, and such of General and Special Orders of War Department as were supposed to concern Kentuckians. There have been also a large number of letters intended for officers and soldiers of Kentucky Regiments received at this office, which were forwarded to them at their respective post-offices.

The records of a few soldiers have been corrected through the agency of my office, where they had been improperly reported on the rolls; and information has been given to families of the fate of relatives who had enlisted in service and were never returned to their homes. Certified transcripts, with letters of explanation, have been furnished to the Departments at Washington, covering many irregular cases.

In the latter part of May the State Agent at Washington submitted to me the Book of Suspensions on the fourth installment of Kentucky war debt, with the view of having proper explanations made to secure to the State the various sums suspended, amounting in the aggregate to \$75,161 61. This work not properly belonging to this office, was received with some hesitation; but it being ascertained that the explanations could not be satisfactorily made in any other office, the work was undertaken and completed—with what success the final result will show.

Under the act approved August 31st, 1862, and the amendments thereto, the following claims have been audited during the year, and the amounts found due certified by me to the Auditor for payment, viz :

A. J. Salsman, deceased, Company A, 27th Kentucky Infantry-----	\$25 08
Joseph Byers, deceased, Company E, 17th Kentucky Infantry-----	9 96
F. B. Debord, 1st Lieutenant 43d Kentucky Infantry-----	163 40
Jas. T. Gentry, Montgomery's Company, 27th Kentucky Infantry-----	33 36
Jas. W. Poynter, Penn's Company, 27th Kentucky Infantry-----	33 36
John W. Autrey, Company D, 17th Kentucky Infantry-----	32 06
Jas. H. Hager, Company A, 39th Kentucky Infantry-----	106 66
Robert Warden, Company E, 30th Kentucky Infantry-----	35 53
James Brown, Company U, 27th Kentucky Infantry-----	104 00
Finis H. Little, Quarter-Master Burge's Battalion-----	466 80
John S. Davis, deceased, Company F, 11th Kentucky Infantry-----	15 16
W. W. Long, 2d Lieutenant 5th Kentucky Cavalry-----	328 49
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$1,353 86</b>

The county officers have in many instances evaded the requirements of the Militia law; but this will probably be obviated in

future through the concerted action of the Auditor. The following returns have been received of the number of Militia enrolled for the year 1868, viz :

Adair	1,349	Kenton (no return).	
Allen	1,351	Knox	1,086
Anderson	1,073	Larue	1,085
Barren	1,773	Laurel (no return).	
Bath	1,224	Lawrence (no return).	
Bracken (no return).		Lecher	523
Ballard	1,660	Lewis (no return).	
Breckinridge (no return).		Livingston	1,123
Breathitt	715	Lincoln (no return).	
Bourbon	1,297	Logan	2,401
Boyle	944	Lyon	968
Boyd (no return).		McLean	1,000
Bullitt	1,021	McCracken	1,888
Butler (no return).		Meade	1,352
Boone (no return).		Mercer (no return).	
Carroll (no return).		Metcalf (no return).	
Carter	1,378	Monroe (no return).	
Cusey (no return).		Montgomery (no return).	
Christian (no return).		Morgan	920
Clark (no return).		Muhlenburg	1,565
Clay (no return).		Madison	2,336
Clinton (no return).		Magoffin	645
Crittenden	1,289	Marion (no return).	
Cumberland	861	Marshall (no return).	
Caldwell	1,225	Mason	2,139
Calloway	1,675	Nelson (no return).	
Campbell (no return).		Nichols (no return).	
Daviess	2,948	Ohio (no return).	
Edmonson	761	Oldham (no return).	
Estill (no return).		Owen	1,997
Fleming	1,386	Owsley (no return).	
Floyd	1,027	Pendleton	1,917
Fayette (no return).		Perry (no return).	
Franklin	1,447	Pike	1,170
Fulton	1,615	Powell	326
Gallatin	541	Pulaski	2,273
Grayson (no return).		Rockcastle (no return).	
Grant	1,471	Rowan (no return).	
Graves (no return).		Russell (no return).	
Garrard (no return).		Robertson	736
Green (no return).		Scott	1,228
Greenup (no return).		Shelby (no return).	
Harrison (no return).		Spencer (no return).	
Hancock	976	Simpson (no return).	
Hardin	2,493	Taylor (no return).	
Harlan	605	Trigg	1,517
Hart	1,693	Todd (no return).	
Henderson (no return).		Trimble	860
Henry (no return).		Union (no return).	
Hickman	1,056	Warren (no return).	
Hopkins	1,734	Washington (no return).	
Jackson	585	Wayne (no return).	
Jefferson	19,049	Woodford (no return).	
Jessamine (no return).		Wolfe (no return).	
Johnson	1,008	Whitley	1,098
Josh Bell (no return).		Webster	1,317

The returns being so meagre, I have not deemed it advisable to prepare the Annual Report, which should be made from this office to the United States War Department.

In addition to the general statements of my Report, I make the following resume of the character of information supplied from this office to applicants, as follows, viz :

For use of Departments at Washington City :

1. Information as to Kentucky officers and the genuineness of their signatures attached to vouchers in claims filed by citizens against the General Government.

2. Records of soldiers who were not mustered into United States service, for use of Commissioner of Pensions.

3. Records of soldiers mustered out since the publication of the Report of 1861-6.

4. Evidence of cause of death of soldiers where the same does not appear on Adjutant General's Report of 1861-6.

5. Records of soldiers transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps and afterwards discharged.

6. Information as to casualties which do not appear on the muster-rolls.

7. Information as to dates of issue and acceptance of commissions, and entry on duty by officers.

8. Information regarding men drafted in Kentucky, assigned and unassigned.

9. Information as to authority officers may have had for issuing vouchers and performing certain acts.

10. Information as to present residences of officers and enlisted men.

11. General information relating to Kentucky war debt—such as muster-in of men and officers, casualties, and everything of the kind, including consolidations, transfers, &c.; reconciling discrepancies in names, dates, &c.

For the use of citizens :

The information furnished has been of a similar nature to the foregoing; and, in addition thereto, I have supplied descriptive lists, certified transcripts from the rolls, and copies of commissions, where the originals have been destroyed.

As a part of the regular duties of the office, claims have been audited under act August 31st, 1862, and amendments.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANK WOLFORD,

*Adjutant General of Kentucky.*