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STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1833.**

## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
Augusta, December 27, 1832. }

To the Hon. SAMUEL E. SMITH, Governor of the  
*State of Maine.*

SIR :

I have the honor to lay before you the Annual Return of the Militia of this State, for the year ending 31st December, 1832; by which it will be seen that there are of

Cavalry,	1592,	} including General Staff.
Artillery,	1767,	
Infantry,	32092,	
Light Infantry,	3286,	
Riflemen,	1269,	

Total, 40006, exclusive of one Company of Cavalry, one Company of Infantry, and five Companies of Light Infantry, from which no returns have yet been received in this office.

The accompanying Schedule exhibits the *time* when the Returns of the several Divisions, Brigades and Regiments were made, so far as they have been

reported to this department; and also the deficiencies. It will be apparent that I have been obliged to have recourse to returns of previous years to make up the aggregate now exhibited: the increase since these previous returns were made, I am not able, therefore, to bring into the account. This exhibit, consequently, does not show the full numerical force of our Militia; but, having corrected the Returns of the present year, and those of the past referred to, I believe I now present a more full and correct view of the different *arms* of our Militia, than has been exhibited for the last three years.

Although gratuitously offered, I believe it to be important to lay before you the Schedule referred to, that the Legislature may be informed who, among the Staff Officers, are, and who are not, entitled to the compensation allowed them by law for the performance of their duty. Other officers are satisfied with the honors of office arising from the faithful discharge of their duty; while this class of officers enjoy not only the honors, but an ample pecuniary compensation for their services. They surely ought, then, to perform the duties which the law requires. It will be seen, however, that their negligence is very great. The remedy, I fully be-

lieve, is within the power of the Legislature, as stated in my former Reports; and without an immediate and rigid application of it, I have but little confidence that this duty will ever be promptly performed. Proof has been abundantly exhibited since the organization of our State, that these officers will not perform their duty, so long as they *can receive the compensation without performing it*. It is with deference that I would suggest, for the consideration of the Legislature, the propriety of withholding the annual allowance to Staff Officers until proper proof is exhibited that they have discharged their duty.

During the past year, four hundred and twenty-eight officers have applied for and received their discharge from service; and there have been issued eight hundred and forty-four commissions to officers of various grades. One Company of Infantry, three Companies of Light Infantry, and one Company of Artillery, have been disbanded, they having ceased to perform duty, or, their number reduced below the requisition of the 19th Section of the law governing the Militia. One Company of Infantry, six Companies of Light Infantry, and two Companies of Riflemen, have been organized in the several Brigades.

Charges against twenty-five officers of different grades, for military offences against the State, have been filed by the Division Advocates. Courts have ordered and held for the trial of seventeen of these officers, at which *one* was acquitted of the charges exhibited; *four* found guilty, and sentenced to be reprimanded in orders; one removed and disqualified from holding any military office in the State for *two* years, one for *three* years, one for *four* years, one for *five* years, one for *six* years, one for *seven* years, one for *ten* years, one for *twenty* years, and *four* during life. The amount of expenses for these trials, as reported in the Pay Rolls exhibited, is \$936 06.

Under the Resolve of March 9, 1832, "making appropriations for certain military purposes," to wit: \$400 for the purchase of musical instruments—there has been expended in the purchase of *eighty-eight drums, seventy-two fifes and six bugles* \$404; all which have been proportionably distributed among the several Brigades, excepting five drums and three fifes due to the 2d Brigade, 4th Division; which are subject to the order of the Brigadier General, and ready for delivery. There appears to be an increased demand for musical instruments, and a

further appropriation of \$500 will be necessary for the present year.—\$200 for repairs on the Arsenal Buildings: of this sum there has been expended one hundred and eighty seven dollars, thirty nine cents, principally in painting the outside of the Buildings, erecting lightning rods thereon, and securing the walls over the doors of the main building.—\$900 for the repairs and alteration of gun carriages belonging to the Artillery Companies. Of this sum there has been expended \$820 58. This sum, together with the appropriation of 1831 for this purpose, has been expended on the artillery in the first Brigade of the 2d Division, and 2d Brigade of the 5th Division. The Regiment in the former, consisting of four Companies, with eight pieces of artillery, and one Company in the latter, with two pieces, are now completely and fully equipped. It is desirable that the other Companies in this arm of our Militia should also be equipped, that the system adopted by the State may be uniformly practised. An appropriation, therefore, will be necessary.

Having examined the Building erected under your direction, within the limits of the Arsenal Ground in Portland, for a Magazine, under the Resolve of March 3d, 1832, I found, in its construc-

tion, that the plan and directions given, as to materials and workmanship, had been strictly adhered to, and that it is a substantial, well-built, and commodious building, necessary, and well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed; and, although exceeding in cost the amount of the appropriation it could not have been reduced in its dimensions, and have answered the purpose intended, and from a close examination of the amount of labor and cost of materials, to have been built at a less expense.

I am happy in being enabled to state, on the authority of Reports from some of the **Brigade Inspectors**, that there was manifestly an improvement in the appearance and discipline of the troops on parade at the last annual reviews; and also an increased cheerfulness in the performance of their duty, arising, doubtless, from the few salutary provisions made in the law at the last Session of the Legislature. These provisions, however, require revision, as well as all the Acts regulating and governing our Militia; they having now become, by the numerous amendments, so disjointed, or at least scattered through so many detached parts, that much study and keen perception is necessary to determine what is in fact required: and I appre-



hend that much of the dissatisfaction and prejudice in the community towards the Militia, arises from this source. The whole, therefore, should be revised, and condensed into one Act, with appropriate Sections, leaving out all the present repealed and superfluous parts and Acts, which are now the cause of so much perplexity; all which may be done without much alteration in the phraseology of the present important Sections. It seems the more desirable that a revision should now be made, inasmuch as it becomes necessary immediately to print a new edition of the law, for distribution; forty-two copies only, of the last edition, now remaining on hand, and these not being sufficient for the present demand.

With great respect,

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. G. LADD, *Adjutant General.*

**Abstract of the time when Returns from the Divisions, Brigades and Regiments of the Militia were received prior to the 18th December, and for the year 1832.**

No. of Division.	Divis'n Abstract, when received.	No. of Brigade.	Brigade Abstract, when received.	Annual Brigade ret'n, when rec'd.	No. of Regiment.	Regimental Return, when received.	No. of Companies, not returned.
1st,	14th Dec.	1st,	3d December,	3d December,	1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Battalion,	11th November. Time not reported. 31st October, Time not reported. 11th November. 11th November.	2
		2nd,	3d December,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th,	None, None, None, 3d October.	9 9 9
2nd,	None,	1st.	1st December,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th, Cavalry, 1st, Artillery, 1st,	Time not reported. None, October. Time not reported, October, Time not reported.	12 2 1
		2nd,	None,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d,	None, None, None,	11 10 9 1 Cavalry. 1 Artillery.

3d,	None,	1st,	None,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th, 5th, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Battalion,	None, None, None, None, None, None, None,	10 15 10 9 9 2 3
		2nd,	None,	November 29th,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Cavalry Battalion,	Time not reported. Time not reported. Time not reported. Time not reported.	
4th,	None,	1st,	29th November,	29th November,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Battalion,	18th October. 5th November, 25th October. 18th October. 3d November.	1
		2nd,	None,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Regiment,	None, None, None, None, None, None, None,	11 10 10 12 3 4

No. of Division	Divis'n Abstract, when received.	No. of Brigade.	Brigade Abstract, when received.	Annual Brigade ret'n, when rec'd.	No. of Regiment.	Regimental Abstract, when received.	No. of Companies not returned.
5th,	None,	1st,	8th December,	8th December,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Battalion,	Time not reported. Time not reported. Time not reported. Time not reported.	
		2nd,	30th November,	30th November,	1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Battalion,	15th October. 12th October. 30th November. 12th October, Time not reported. 30th October,	1 1
6th,	None,	1st,	5th December,	5th December,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Cavalry Battalion, Artillery Battalion,	14th November. None, 1st November. None, 28th October.	12 2
		2nd,	3d December,	3d December,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Cavalry Battalion,	Time not reported. Time not reported, Time not reported. Time not reported,	1 2
7th,	None,	1st,	3d December,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Artillery Battalion,	12th November, 5th October. Time not reported, 30th October.	1 1
		2nd,	None,	None,	1st, 2nd,	None, None,	10 10

Sth,	None,	1st,	None,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th, Cavalry Regiment,	None, None, None, None, None,	13 11 11 9 3 1 Artillery.
		2nd,	10th December,	None,	1st, 2nd, 3d, Cavalry Battalion,	October, October. October. October.	1
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### RECAPITULATION.

	Division Abstract.	Brigade Abstract.	Annual Brigade Returns.	Regimental and Battalion Abstracts.	No. of Companies.
No. received,	1	10	7	47	333
Deficient,	7	6	9	29	275
<i>Total,</i>	8	16	16	76	608

S. G. LADD, *Adj't Gen'l.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 23, 1893.

ORDERED, That three hundred copies be printed for the use of  
the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest,

T. J. CARTER, *Secretary.*

## ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL RETURN OF THE MILITIA OF THE STATE OF MAINE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1832.

	Major Generals.	Brigadier Generals.	Adjutant Generals.	Quarter Masters of Divisions.	Division Inspectors.	Aids-de-Camp.	Brigadier Majors.	Brigade Quarter Masters.	Colonels.	Lieutenant Colonels.	Majors.	Adjutants.	Quarter-Masters.	Pay-Masters.	Chaplains.	Surgeons.	Surgeon's Mates.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Cornets.	Sergeant Majors.	Quarter Master Sergeants.	Musicians.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	TOTAL Commissioned Officers.	TOTAL Non-Commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates.	AGGREGATE.	Number of Divisions.	Number of Brigades.	Number of Regiments.	Number of Battalions.	Number of Companies.	REMARKS.		
GENERAL STAFF.			1			4																						5		5								
CAVALRY.									2	2	11	11	9	2	2	4	2	24	56		27	3	3	60	117	63	1194	152	1440	1592				2	13	31	{ One new company not included, from which no returns have been received.	
ARTILLERY.									2	2	8	8	7	2	2	3	1	28	51			1	4	117	108	91	1332	114	1653	1767				2	10	29	{ One company not included, from which no returns have ever been received.	
INFANTRY.	7	14		8	8	29	15	15	53	52	53	55	54	54	47	48	44	403	418	413		52	52	1740	1650	993	25810	1780	30297	32087	8	16	55		449			
RIFLEMEN.																								87	90	84	938	70	1199	1269						25	{ One old company and four new ones not included, as no returns have been received.	
LIGHT INFANTRY.																		66	67	67				149	154	179	2604	200	3086	3286						67		
AGGREGATE.	7	14	1	8	8	33	15	15	57	56	72	74	70	58	51	55	47	543	615	505	27	56	59	2153	2119	1410	31878	2331	37675	40006	8	16	59	23	601	TOTAL—Seven companies not reported. S. G. LADD, Adj. General.		

## ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AMMUNITION.

### ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES.

	Brass.		Iron.	
AGGREGATE.	2	2	12	Pounders.
In the State Arsenals at Portland and Bath.	14	14	6	Pounders.
In the field in possession of the troops.	44	44	3	Pounders.
	3	3	3	Inch Howitzers. Eprouvettes.
	3	3	6	Inch Howitzers.
	5	5	3	Pounders.
	1	1	42	Pounders.
	4	4	32	Pounders.
	25	25	24	Pounders.
	5	5	19	Pounders.
	2	2	12	Pounders.
	5	5	9	Pounders.
	12	12	6	Pounders.
	8	8	4	Pounders.
	1	1	10	Inch Howitzers.
	108	35	73	Sponges and Rammers.
	101	40	61	Ladles and Worms.
	398	132	266	Etricoles and Drag Ropes.
	154	92	62	Trail Handspikes.
	80	40	40	Lead Aprons.
	147	38	89	Ammunition Boxes.
	52	3	49	Tumbrils or Powder Carts.
	141	2	139	Sets of Harness.
	8244	8244		Rounds of Shot and Shells.
	26076	8619	17457	Muskets.
	25832	8619	17213	Bayonets.
	5416	2915	2501	Cartridge Boxes and Belts.
	17978	898	17080	Bayonet Scabbards and Belts.
	17720		17720	Brushes and Picks.
	85271	50000	35271	Spare Flints.
	20578	19981	597	Ball Cartridges.
	1528	540	988	Rifles.
	1036	540	496	Powder Horns.
	1094	540	554	Pouches.
	111600	111600		Loose Balls.
	21		21	Pounds of Rifle Powder.
	1547	350	1197	Horseman's Pistols.
	2332	850	1473	Swords.
	2081	650	1431	Sword Scabbards and Belts.
	17305		17305	Knapsacks.
	71	8	63	Haversacks.
	610	16	594	Drums.
	441	30	411	Fifes.
	56	1	55	Bugles and Trumpets.

Adjutant General's Office, twenty-seventh day of December, 1832.

**J. G. LADD, Adjutant General.**