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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Augusta, May 12, 1846. }

His Excellency, HUGH J. ANDERSON,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,

SIR:—In my annual report, transmitted to you December, 1843, I had occasion to present my views somewhat at length, in regard to our Militia system. Those views, which were based substantially upon the law of 1834, did not command the approval of the Legislature.

In my last annual report transmitted to you December, 1844, I presented no views upon this subject, but proposed to furnish some *projet* to the proper committee of the legislature. In pursuance thereof, I prepared and presented a draft of a law, placing our militia upon the volunteer system, reducing its number to about seven thousand, requiring the State to furnish the soldiers with arms and equipments, with a small compensation for their services, and providing for an annual inspection, two annual trainings and an annual review. This draft was reported to the legislature without substantial alteration, by the committee on the militia, and received the sanction of the senate, but was lost in the house by a decisive majority. It was presented by me, not because I had reason to change the opinions expressed in my report of 1843, but because I supposed it to be the only practicable recommendation in the then existing aspect of popular opinion. Although now entertaining all the views expressed in that report, and although confident that these views have lost none of their force from the late and present

appearance of our foreign relations, I forbear to *press* them, from the apprehension that it might be deemed, under the circumstances of the case, importunate and disrespectful to the legislature who are the ultimate and responsible judges of what is due to the public interest in this matter.

Several projects for a general re-organization of the militia of the United States are now pending before congress. The military committee of the popular branch of congress have reported a bill embodying one of these projects. The main features of this bill appear worthy of approval ; but I fear there is little ground to hope its enactment as a law. Indeed, the local circumstances and local opinions of the several states are so diversified, and in many respects, so antagonistical, that there is no good ground to expect congress will act at all in reference to this subject, except under the pressure of some imminent and absolute necessity.

It remains to be seen whether, in the judgment of congress, such a necessity will be deemed to exist in the present condition of our public affairs. That it is the duty of congress to act in this matter, appears to me unquestionable, and I respectfully suggest the propriety of an expression of an opinion by the legislature, in favor of the establishment by congress, of some uniform and efficient militia system. In the meantime, the duty of the state is equally clear as that of congress ; and it does not seem to be the part of wisdom to await an action elsewhere, which is, at the best, uncertain, when we have the means of useful legislation in our own hands, and when the confessedly prostrated condition of our militia calls so loudly for immediate and effectual organization.

In the event of a failure of the legislature to establish a better system, I would respectfully recommend the adoption, with slight modifications, of the volunteer system, which was acted upon by the legislature of 1845. This system will incur but a trifling expense, would be more effective in its operation, and infinitely more honorable to the state, than the present law, which must be regarded as virtually inoperative.

The condition of our foreign relations imperatively demands that something should be done to revive the military vigor of the State,

and I am satisfied that what I have recommended is far short of what would be justified by the patriotic impulses of our people. War is now imminent and apparently unavoidable, upon our south western frontier, and its duration and consequences cannot be foreseen. The government of Mexico is feeble and its people are distracted by internal feuds. But against a foreign foe they will present an united front. Long inured to the habits of military life, and sustained by the courage and obstinacy of the Spanish blood, they may maintain a tedious and harrassing warfare. In this warfare, they may have a still more formidable ally in the powerful nation with which we are now contesting the title to a magnificent territory on the Pacific ocean. At such a time and under such circumstances, Maine ought not to remain voluntarily disarmed, bereft of even the shadow of a military organization, and condemned to a self-imposed condition of helpless impotence. The high spirit of her people, as well as the dictates of foresight, revolts at a state of things like this, which is as unworthy as it is hazardous. They do not wish to be out-run in the race of patriotism, by their sister states; and they will esteem no sacrifice too great, which will restore them to a sense of honorable security under the safeguard of a well organized citizen soldiery.

Very few resignations of officers have occurred during the past year, but from information which reaches me from various quarters, I am satisfied that they have only been delayed by a hope that the legislature may speedily adopt some measure calculated to restore vitality to the militia system.

The returns made to this office during the past year, have been too imperfect to enable me to comply with the act of congress which requires an annual exhibit of the number of soldiers enrolled in each state, as the basis of apportioning the annual supply of arms to the militia of the union. I have, therefore, transmitted to the war department at Washington, a copy of the returns from this office, of December 1844.

The condition of the several gun houses in the state, and of the artillery now stored in them, will require the attention of the legis-

lature. This valuable property is exposed to dilapidation and decay, is unprotected by suitable care, and answers no beneficial purpose whatever.

If the militia law remains as it now is, I recommend that these gun houses be sold, and that the ordnance and ordnance stores which they contain be transferred to the arsenals at Portland and Bangor.

It is the judgment of the keepers of those arsenals, as well as my own, that some appropriations for labor upon arms and equipments under their charge, are absolutely necessary the present season.

The amount deemed necessary for labor in Portland arsenal is	\$75 00
For labor in Bangor arsenal,	75 00
For removal and repairs of the gun house at Portland,	40 00
For transportation, and repairs of gun houses,	300 00
The keeper of the Bangor arsenal reports that an appropriation is necessary for the erection of an arsenal fence recently blown down, and estimates the expense at	50 00
For whitewashing the same,	20 00
For repairs of the slating on the roof,	15 00
The same keeper also recommends an appropriation for painting the arsenal buildings at Bangor, and estimates the expense at	200 00

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED REDINGTON.

Adjutant General.

SCHEDULE of Public Property in the State Arsenal at Portland.

No.	Description.	Remarks.
38	42 lbs. Shot.	
226	32 " "	
1548	24 " "	
808	18 " "	
1034	12 " "	
819	9 " "	
1031	6 " "	
2123	4 " "	
728	3 " "	
1836	Double headed Shot.	
21	Cases Grape "	
1	" 32 lb. Strap "	
1	" 8 " Howitzer Shot.	
708	13 inch Shells.	
341	9½ " "	
134	8 " "	
276	6½ " "	
187	5½ " "	
214	4½ " "	
1800	Hand Grenades.	
9	Cases fixed ammunition.	
52	" Musket "	
1	Keg " "	
4	Kegs Powder.	
3	Boxes fixed hand Grenades.	
19	" Lead Balls.	1800 each.
1	Iron 42 pdr. Cannon.	Unmounted.
4	" 32 " "	"
22	" 24 " "	"
4	" 18 " "	"
3	" 12 " "	"
2	" 9 " "	"
8	" 6 " "	"
3	" 4 " "	"
1	" 18 " "	Old, mounted.

SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
2	Iron 12 pdr. Cannon.	Old, mounted.
2	“ 12 “ “	New, “
4	“ 6 “ “	“ “
1	“ 4 “ “	Old, “
1	“ 3 “ “	“ “
1	10 inch Howitzer.	Unmounted.
2	Brass 12 pdr. Cannon.	Mounted.
7	“ 6 “ “	“
2	Brass 6 inch Howitzer.	Unmounted.
2	“ Eprovetts.	
13	Ship Gun Carriages.	
2	Sea coast Gun Carriages.	
40	Trucks for “ “	
3	18 pdr. Gun “	Old.
1	6 “ “ “	“
1	3 “ “ “	“
4	6 “ “ “	
8	Elevating Screws.	
11	Ammunition Boxes.	
7	Sponge Buckets.	
6	Tar “	
34	Trail Handspikes.	
165	Bricoles.	
12	Tompions.	
11	Drag Ropes.	
13	Buckets.	
12	Prolongs.	
13	Vent Covers.	
29	Tompions, Collars and Straps.	
47	Sponges and Rammers.	
45	Ladles and Worms.	
18	Sponge Covers.	
3	Sea Sponges.	
29	Implement Straps.	
	Lot of Wads.	
1	Tumbril.	
6	Packing Boxes.	
6	Towhooks.	
5	Tongs and Ladles.	For Hot Shot.
2	Tarpaulins.	

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SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
1	112 pdr. Caisson.	
6	Tangent Scales.	
6	Vent Punches.	
5	Powder Monkeys.	
23	Tube Pouches.	
21	Portfire Clippers.	
26	Priming Horns.	
17	Thumbstalls.	
27	Lint Stocks.	
100	Artillery Swords.	
7	Implement Belts.	
18	Pairs of Trace Chains.	
1	Swingle Tree.	
1	Pair Pole Straps.	
10	Breechings.	
50	Pairs Hames.	
24	Back and Belly Bands.	
571	Hall's Rifles.	1 at Augusta.
571	Bayonets.	
571	Wipers.	
571	Screw Drivers.	
571	Spare Flint Caps.	
57	Spring Vices.	
571	Pouches.	
570	Buff Bayonet Belts and Plates.	
570	“ Waist Belts.	
50	Extra Springs.	
29	Implement Straps.	
	Lot of Wads.	
1	Tumbril.	
6	Packing Boxes.	
6	Towhooks.	
6	Worms and Staves.	
51	Haversacks.	
16	Portfire Cases.	
21	“ Stocks.	
48	Priming Wires.	
19	Gunners' Gimblets.	
8	Yards Match Rope.	
100	Sword Belts.	

SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
4	Whiffletrees.	
9	Sets Lead Bars.	
21	Pairs Trace Spreads.	
8	Buck Saddles.	
14	Horse Collars.	
4	Head Stalls.	
240	Short Bright Rifles.	
240	Bullet Moulds.	
240	Wipers.	
24	Screw Drivers.	
24	Ball Screws.	
36	Powder Flasks.	
40	Pouches.	
40	Straps.	
57	Bullet Moulds.	
570	Buff Pouch Belts.	
570	Bayonet Scabbards.	
570	Belt Plates.	
570	Copper Flasks.	
760	Johnson's Rifles.	Bronzed.
760	Wipers.	
760	Screw Drivers.	
660	Spare Flint Cases.	
76	Ball Screws.	
76	Spring Vices.	
66	Bullet Moulds.	
239	Johnson's Rifles.	
6642	Muskets.	
55	Old English Muskets.	
3	Drums.	
4	Fifes.	
402	Bayonet Belts.	
365	Musket Locks.	
147	Sabres.	
250	Pistols.	
101	Field Tents.	
	Lot Tent Poles, Pins and Toggles.	
347	Mallets.	
6	Standard Impressions.	
1	Box Flints.	

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SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
59	Sabre Belts.	
20	Lances.	
14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Dozen Iron Spoons.	
69	Tin Camp Kettles.	
12	Sheet Iron “	
149	Tin Pans.	
349	“ Dippers.	
6	“ Basons.	
63	“ Plates.	
6	Wheel Barrows.	
29	Hand “	
78	Bill Hooks.	
1	Pick Axe.	
1	Tin Fuse.	
464	Screw Drivers.	
340	Spare Flint Covers.	
68	Ball Screws.	
36	Powder Flasks.	
40	Pouches.	
40	Straps.	
6642	Bayonets.	
55	“	
4	Fifes.	
300	Bayonet Scabbards.	
1	Box Flints.	
59	Sabre Belts.	
20		
1	Marquee.	
2	Signal Lanterns.	
2	Long handled Fry Pans.	
14	Fry Pans and Spiders.	
1	Iron Kettle.	
47	Coffee Pots.	
2	Tea “	
5	Skimmers.	
3	Toast Pans.	
166	Flat Square Pans.	
1	Crow and Bar.	
1	Rake.	
4	Hatchets.	

SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
37	Handspikes.	
24	Shovels.	
6	Spades.	
1	Traveling Forge.	
	Lot of cut Spikes.	
1	Desk and sundry Books.	
1	Water Pot.	
2	Bench Vices.	
2	Iron Bit-stocks.	
1	Hand Saw.	
3	Seives.	
2	Tackle Blocks.	
2	Slings.	
2	Ensigns.	
1	State Brand.	
1	Copper Adz.	
1	Wooden Bowl.	
1	Large Bullet Mould.	
1	Drawing Knife.	
1	12 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Former.	
4	Formers.	
1	Tool Chest.	
1	Large Chair.	
1	Box Brimstone.	
1	Pendant Halyards.	
1	Auger and Gimblet.	
2	Pairs old Shears.	
1	Gun Rimmer.	
1	Sling Cart.	
16	Blank Books.	
6	Standard Impressions.	
1	Stove and Funnel.	
1	Polishing Lathe.	
1	Hand Vice.	
1	Grindstone.	
2	Small Saws.	
2	Oil Cannisters.	
1	Tackle and Fall.	
1	Standard Plate.	
4	Day Flags.	

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SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
	Lot of Sheet Lead.	
6	Powder Measures.	
	Set Brass Seals and Weights.	
1	Pair Shoe Pincers.	
2	Hammers.	
1	Portfire Mould.	
1	Pair Steelyards.	
	Bench Tools, Chisels and Gouges.	
1	Ladder.	
2	High Steps.	
1	Iron Ladle.	
1	Set Callipers.	
1	Gin.	
1	Gun Searcher.	
2	Boxes Steel.	
1	Saltpetre Mill.	
1	Sheep Skin.	
234	Cartridge Box Woods.	
2	Camp Kettles.	
1	Old Signal Lantern.	
600	Unfinished Powder Horns.	
3	Old Drums.	
	Lot of Old Spikes and Nails.	
1	Paste Brush.	
2	Old White-wash Brushes.	
1	Pair Smith's Tongs.	
	Part of an old Gin.	
	Lot of old Boxes and Barrels.	
10	Empty Bullet Boxes.	
	Lot of old Standard Impressions.	

SCHEDULE of *Public Property in the State Arsenal at Bangor.*

No.	Description.	Remarks.
2	12 pdr. Iron Guns.	With Carriages.
1	Baggage Wagon.	Canvas Cover.
2	18 pdr. Iron Guns.	
2	9 " " "	And Carriages.
2	3 " Brass "	" "
2	4 " Iron "	" "
4	6 " Brass "	" "
1	Powder Proof.	
1	Iron Howitzer.	Mounted.
1	12 pdr. Caisson.	
3	6 " " "	
112	12 " Round Shot.	
154	6 " " "	
302	3 " " "	
510	4 " " "	
965	Hand Grenades.	
12	Panes Window Glass.	
1	Lot of Old Nail Casks.	
1	Stove and Funnel.	
1	Forge and Bellows.	
4	Emery Wheels.	
1	Man Drill.	
1	Screw Plate, Wench and 6 Taps.	
5	Drills for Lathe.	
2	Gimblets.	
10	Files.	
11	Screw Drivers.	
1	Bench Hammer.	
1	Varnish Brush.	
1	Glue Brush.	
4	Stone Jugs.	
2	Iron Rods.	
1	Old Tea Kettle.	
1	Oil Barrel, and small quantity of Oil.	
8	Paint Pots.	
1	Keg Powder.	
6	Drum Woods.	
22	Horse Chains.	
1	Set State Brands.	
2	Iron Ladles.	

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SCHEDULE of Public Property—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
1	Flesh Fork.	
4	Draw Knives.	
5	Hand Saws.	
1	Iron Square.	
6	Copper Powder Measures.	
1	Broom.	
1	Dust Brush.	
3155	Muskets.	With Bayonets.
74	“	Without “
494	Hall's Rifles.	With “
73	Bayonets.	
86	Cavalry Pistols.	
200	Johnson's Rifles.	
1	Box containing apparatus for a 12 Pounder.	
700	Sabres.	
100	Bill Hooks.	
34	Boxes containing Cartridges.	In Packs.
13	“ 24 lb. Case Shot.	6 to the Box.
27	“ 18 “ “ “	6 “ “
11	“ 12 “ “ “	18 “ “
12	“ 9 “ “ “	12 “ “
12	“ 6 “ “ “	28 “ “
5	“ 3 “ “ “	27 “ “
8	“ 4 “ “ “	24 “ “
14	“ 12 “ “ “	10 “ “
19	“ 6 “ Fixed “	18 “ “
3	“ 4 “ Strapped Shot.	
21	“ Grape Shot.	
19	“ Bullets, 100 lbs. each.	18 to the pound.
1	“ Buck Shot.	
1	“ Loose Bullets.	Various sizes.
2100	Scabbard Belts.	In good condition.
98	“ “	Out of repair.
427	Ball Pouches.	In good condition.
24	6 lb. Cannister.	Not fixed.
16	Ball Pouches.	Out of repair.
351	Rifle Belts.	
314	Sword “	
184	Sabre “	

SCHEDULE of Public Property—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
2	Tin Tube Boxes.	
2587	Cartridge “	
5	Yards Match Rope.	
1	Box Flints.	
11	Gross Priming Wires and Brushes.	
1	Signal Lantern.	
5	Portfire Clippers.	
58	Portfires.	
9	Artillery Priming Wires.	
4	Gunners' Gimblets.	
8	Fifes.	
3	Drums.	
54	Bricoles.	
8	Gunners' Haversacks.	
6	Amunition Bags.	
9	Powder Horns.	7 with Belts.
6	Portfire Cases.	
459	Copper Powder Flasks.	
95	Tin Powder Flasks.	
4	Tube Cases and Belts.	
17	Priming Wires and Brushes.	
1	Box containing loose Musket Balls.	
345	Flint Caps.	
22	Rifle Bullet Moulds.	
17	“ Spring Vices.	
19	Musket “ “	
35	Buckets.	
267	Artillery Tubes.	
576	Musket Wipers.	
248	Rifle “	
30	Ball Screws.	
51	Iron Tent Pins.	
225	Rifle Screw Drivers.	
58	Musket “ “	
152	Knives and Forks.	
2	Carving Knives.	
1	“ Fork.	
74	Old Forks.	
1	Pair Brass Candlesticks.	
3	“ Tin “	

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SCHEDULE of *Public Property*—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
440	Pint Dippers.	
17½	“ “	
1	Pepper Box.	
1	Shaving Dish.	
4	Tin Lanterns.	
21	Skimmers.	
186	Tin Pails.	
35	“ Tumblers.	
2	Wash Dishes.	
1	Tinder Box.	
2	Lamp Trimmers.	
20	Square Bake Pans.	
633	Tin Mess Pans.	
136	Table Spoons.	
9	Tea “	
2	Lead Aprons and Straps.	
21	Lint Stocks.	
6	Portfire “	
1	Bench Vice.	
1	Iron Ladle.	
6	Tarpaulins.	
36	Spades.	4 damaged.
156	Iron Shovels.	9 old and damaged.
62	Company Tents.	
2	Broad Axes.	
15	Narrow “	
20	Handbarrows.	
6	Horse Shoes.	
30	Pick Axes.	
1	Grub Hoe.	
812	Wooden Canteens.	Worthless.
10	Crowbars.	
1	Box Wooden Tent Pins.	
2	Wood Buckets.	
1	Box, containing 79 Carpenters' Mallets.	
10	Drag Ropes.	
4	Boarding Pikes.	
54	Hand “	
1	Garden Rake.	

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SCHEDULE of Public Property—(Continued.)

No.	Description.	Remarks.
71	Artillery Rammers, Sponges, Ladles and Worms.	
89	Tent Poles.	
22	Sheet Iron Camp Kettles.	
	1 Steamer.	
	1 Coffee Mill.	
27	Fry Pans.	
	4 Tea Kettles.	
100	3 pint Tin Basins.	
	1 Bread Pan.	
336	Tin Canteens.	Imperfect.
	2 Cast Steel Drills.	
	1 Back and Belly Band.	
	1 Stone Hammer.	
	2 Tompions and Straps.	
12	Camp Blankets.	Old.
	5 Augers.	
478	Square Mess Pans.	
	1 Tea Cannister.	
400	Bricks.	
	6 Orderly Books.	
	1 6 pdr. Brass Gun.	Without Carriage.
	1 Barrel two thirds full of Grape Shot.	
	<i>The following received from Fort Kent in damaged condition.</i>	
59	Cartridge Boxes.	
44	Ball Pouches.	
22	Rifle Belts.	
59	Scabbard and Belts.	

SCHEDULE of *Public Property in the Arsenal at Bath.*

No.	Description.	Remarks.
19	Pound Iron Cannon.	
19	" Cannonade.	
33	" Iron Cannon.	
1	Tumbril and Harness.	
803	lb. Round Shot (less a few delivered to Troops).	
209	lb. Case Shot.	
336	" " "	
483	" " "	
403	and 6 lb. Cannister Shot.	
9840	Musket Ball Cartridges.	
23000	" Balls.	
12	Sets Harnesses for one Horse.	
2	Pairs Trace Chains.	
8	Halters extra of Harness sets.	
4	Ladles and Worms.	
5	Rammers and Sponges.	
4	Prolongs.	
65	Bricoles.	
4	Drag Ropes.	
9	Haversacks.	
8	Lintstocks.	
8	Portfires.	
3	Priming Horns and Belts.	
1	Pair Pincers.	
3	Hand Saws.	
2	Axes.	
1	Tube Box and Belt.	
3	Tompions on Guns.	
4	Lead Aprons.	
4	Swab Buckets.	
8	Tin Camp Kettles.	
1000	Pistol Flints.	

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SCHEDULE of *Public Property at Augusta.*

No.	Description.	Remarks.
2	Muskets and Bayonets.	
1	Old English Musket and Bayonet.	
2	Rifles and 1 Bayonet.	
2	Pistols.	
2	Swords.	
509	Tin Canteens. Lot Tents, Tent Poles, Pins, &c.	