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# STATE OF MAINE.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
Augusta, May 1, 1850. }

*His Excellency JOHN HUBBARD,*  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief:*

THE following exhibits the returns of the Militia of Maine for 1849, as made to this office by the clerks of cities, towns and plantations, agreeably to the law of 1848.

## COUNTY OF YORK.

Names of towns.	Return.	Names of towns.	Return.
Acton, . . . . .	135	Lyman, . . . . .	159
Alfred, . . . . .	132	Newfield, . . . . .	144
Berwick, . . . . .	235	North Berwick, . . . . .	161
Biddeford, . . . . .	1,026	Parsonsfield, . . . . .	203
Buxton, . . . . .	319	Saco, . . . . .	912
Cornish, . . . . .	150	Shapleigh, . . . . .	
Elliot, . . . . .	169	Sanford, . . . . .	
Hollis, (no return,) . . . . .		South Berwick, . . . . .	240
Kennebunk, . . . . .	274	Waterborough, . . . . .	105
Kennebunkport, . . . . .	267	Wells, (no return.) . . . . .	
Kittery, . . . . .	345	York, . . . . .	273
Lebanon, . . . . .	234		
Limerick, . . . . .	169		
Limington, . . . . .	259	Total number, . . . . .	5,911

## COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Auburn, . . . . .	265	Casco, . . . . .	134
Baldwin, . . . . .	158	Cumberland, . . . . .	195
Bridgton, . . . . .	333	Danville, . . . . .	178
Brunswick, . . . . .	526	Durham, . . . . .	200
Cape Elizabeth, . . . . .	228	Falmouth, . . . . .	265

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, (*Continued.*)

Names of Towns.	Return.	Names of Towns.	Return.
Freeport, . . . . .	319	Portland city, . . . . .	1,975
Gorham, . . . . .	314	Pownal, . . . . .	94
Gray, . . . . .	135	Raymond, . . . . .	151
Harpwell, . . . . .	97	Scarborough, . . . . .	243
Harrison, . . . . .	130	Sebago, . . . . .	96
Minot, . . . . .	196	Standish, . . . . .	158
Naples, . . . . .	173	Westbrook, . . . . .	623
North Yarmouth, . . . . .		Windham, . . . . .	291
New Gloucester, . . . . .	191	Yarmouth, . . . . .	
Otisfield, . . . . .	115		
Poland, . . . . .		Total number, . . . . .	7,793

## COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

Alna, . . . . .	114	Richmond, . . . . .	260
Arrowsic, . . . . .	41	St. George, . . . . .	46
Bath city, . . . . .	758	South Thomaston, . . . . .	119
Boothbay, . . . . .		Thomaston, . . . . .	172
Bowdoinham, . . . . .	218	Topsham, . . . . .	173
Bowdoin, . . . . .	143	Townsend, . . . . .	76
Bremen, . . . . .	135	Union, . . . . .	308
Bristol, . . . . .	443	Waldoborough, . . . . .	523
Cushing, . . . . .	47	Warren, . . . . .	273
Damariscotta, . . . . .	171	Washington, . . . . .	188
Dresden, . . . . .	178	Webster, . . . . .	132
East Thomaston, . . . . .	431	West Bath, . . . . .	86
Edgecomb, . . . . .	157	Westport, . . . . .	27
Friendship, . . . . .	23	Whitefield, . . . . .	221
Georgetown, . . . . .		Wiscasset, . . . . .	186
Jefferson, . . . . .	270	Woolwich, . . . . .	137
Lewiston, . . . . .		Patricktown plantation, . . . . .	76
Lisbon, . . . . .	136	Matinicus Isle, . . . . .	22
New Castle, . . . . .		Monhegan Isle, . . . . .	15
Nobleborough, . . . . .	195	Muscle Ridge pl., . . . . .	
Perkins, . . . . .	9		
Phippsburg, . . . . .	246	Total number, . . . . .	6,765

## COUNTY OF HANCOCK.

Aurora, . . . . .	41	Dedham, . . . . .	
Amherst, . . . . .	70	Eastbrook, . . . . .	28
Bluehill, . . . . .	264	Eden, . . . . .	147
Brooksville, . . . . .	175	Ellsworth, . . . . .	432
Bucksport, . . . . .	229	Franklin, . . . . .	81
Castine, . . . . .	44	Gouldsborough, . . . . .	174
Cranberry Isles, . . . . .	48	Greenfield, . . . . .	59
Deer Isle, . . . . .	425	Hancock, . . . . .	130

COUNTY OF HANCOCK, (*Continued.*)

Names of Towns.	Return.	Names of Towns.	Return.
Mariaville, . . .	42	No. 1, North Division,	
Mount Desert, . . .	63	No. 2, Grand Falls, . . .	
Orland, . . .	194	No. 7, . . .	23
Otis, . . .		No. 10, . . .	
Penobscot, . . .	105	No. 21, Middle Division,	9
Seaville, . . .	24	No. 33, Middle Division,	10
Sedgwick, . . .	186	Hog Island, . . .	
Sullivan, . . .	98	Long Island, . . .	
Surry, . . .	116	Eagle Island, . . .	
Trenton, . . .	189	Brooklin, . . .	
Tremont, . . .	165		
Waltham, . . .			
Swan Island, . . .			
Wetmore Isle, . . .	50	Total number, . . .	3,821

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

Addison, . . .	133	Millbridge, . . .	202
Alexander, . . .	86	Northfield, . . .	37
Baileyville, . . .		Pembroke, . . .	146
Baring, . . .	35	Perry, . . .	
Beddington, . . .	31	Princeton, . . .	44
Calais, . . .	413	Robbinston, . . .	150
Centerville, . . .	33	Steuben, . . .	140
Columbia, . . .	136	Topsfield, . . .	32
Cooper, . . .	63	Trescott, . . .	101
Charlotte, . . .	78	Wesley, . . .	
Cherryfield, . . .	162	Whiting, . . .	34
Crawford, . . .		Whitneyville, . . .	81
Cutler, . . .		Annsburg, . . .	
Dennysville, . . .	57	Big Lake, . . .	12
East Machias, . . .	212	Codyville plantation, . . .	4
Eastport, . . .	307	Danforth plantation, . . .	20
Edmunds, . . .	52	Jackson Brook, . . .	16
Harrington, . . .	87	Lambert's Lake pl., . . .	
Jonesborough, . . .	68	Tallmadge, . . .	15
Jonesport, . . .	116	Waite plantation, . . .	16
Lubec, . . .	277	No. 7, Range 2, . . .	13
Machias, . . .	176	No. 9, Range 4, . . .	
Machiasport, . . .	130	No. 14 and No. 19, . . .	21
Marion, . . .	30	No. 18, . . .	3
Marshfield, . . .	56		
Medybemps, . . .	24	Total number, . . .	3,749

## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

## COUNTY OF KENNEBEC.

Names of Towns.	Return.	Names of Towns.	Return.
Albion, . . . . .	209	Rome, . . . . .	91
Augusta city, . . . . .		Sebasticook, . . . . .	140
Belgrade, . . . . .	177	Sidney, . . . . .	232
China, . . . . .	101	Vassalborough, . . . . .	346
Clinton, . . . . .	195	Vienna, . . . . .	89
East Livermore, . . . . .	85	Wales, . . . . .	59
Fayette, . . . . .	96	Waterville, . . . . .	453
Gardiner city, . . . . .	691	Wayne, . . . . .	162
Greene, . . . . .	139	Windsor, . . . . .	
Hallowell, . . . . .		Winthrop, . . . . .	252
Leeds, . . . . .	119	Winslow, . . . . .	194
Litchfield, . . . . .	133	Clinton Gore, . . . . .	32
Monmouth, . . . . .	214	Unity plantation, . . . . .	
Mount Vernon, . . . . .	154		
Pittston, . . . . .	304		
Readfield, . . . . .		Total number, . . . . .	4,667

## COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Albany, . . . . .	87	Paris, . . . . .	320
Andover, . . . . .	87	Peru, . . . . .	96
Bethel, . . . . .	160	Porter, . . . . .	173
Brownfield, . . . . .		Roxbury, . . . . .	22
Buckfield, . . . . .		Rumford, . . . . .	113
Byron, . . . . .	39	Stow, . . . . .	48
Canton, . . . . .	105	Stoneham, . . . . .	77
Denmark, . . . . .	131	Sumner, . . . . .	139
Dixfield, . . . . .	104	Sweden, . . . . .	69
Fryeburg, . . . . .	217	Turner, . . . . .	317
Gilead, . . . . .	36	Waterford, . . . . .	190
Greenwood, . . . . .	60	Woodstock, . . . . .	95
Hanover, . . . . .		Andover North Surplus, . . . . .	
Hartford, . . . . .	122	Franklin plantation, . . . . .	27
Hebron, . . . . .	76	Fryeburg Acad. Grant, . . . . .	
Hiram, . . . . .	141	Hamlin's Grant, . . . . .	
Livermore, . . . . .	157	Letter A, No. 2, . . . . .	
Lovel, . . . . .	129	Letter B, . . . . .	
Mason, . . . . .	16	Milton plantation, . . . . .	18
Mexico, . . . . .	60	No. 5, Ranges 1 and 2, . . . . .	
Newry, . . . . .		Riley, . . . . .	
Norway, . . . . .	208		
Oxford, . . . . .	136	Total number, . . . . .	3,769



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COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

Names of Towns.	Return.	Names of Towns.	Return.
Anson, . . . . .	100	New Portland, . . . . .	109
Athens, . . . . .		Norridgewock, . . . . .	209
Bingham, . . . . .	95	North Anson, . . . . .	164
Bloomfield, . . . . .	125	Palmyra, . . . . .	185
Brighton, . . . . .	86	Pittsfield, . . . . .	151
Canaan, . . . . .	93	Ripley, . . . . .	60
Cambridge, . . . . .	63	Solon, . . . . .	140
Concord, . . . . .	63	St. Albans, . . . . .	150
Cornville, . . . . .	145	Starks, . . . . .	170
Detroit, . . . . .	82	Skowhegan, . . . . .	257
Embden, . . . . .	114	Smithfield, . . . . .	86
Fairfield, . . . . .	270	No. 1, R. 3, West K. river,	
Harmony, . . . . .		No. 1, R. 2, West K. R.,	
Hartland, . . . . .		No. 1, R. 4 E., and 1, 5 west	
Lexington, . . . . .		K. river, . . . . .	30
Madison, . . . . .	184	No. 2, Range 2, . . . . .	
Maxfield, . . . . .	22		
Mercer, . . . . .	99		
Moscow, . . . . .	58	Total number, . . . . .	3,304

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

Alton, . . . . .	29	Levant, . . . . .	214
Argyle, . . . . .	46	Lincoln, . . . . .	186
Bangor city, . . . . .	1,356	Lowell, . . . . .	65
Bradford, . . . . .	167	Clifton, . . . . .	37
Bradley, . . . . .	106	Mattamiscontis, . . . . .	
Brewer, . . . . .	331	Maxfield, . . . . .	34
Burlington, . . . . .	76	Milford, . . . . .	110
Carmel, . . . . .	114	Newburg, . . . . .	
Carroll, . . . . .	55	Newport, . . . . .	127
Corinna, . . . . .	180	Oldtown, . . . . .	
Corinth, . . . . .	157	Orono, . . . . .	403
Charleston, . . . . .	126	Orrington, . . . . .	233
Chester, . . . . .		Patten, . . . . .	97
Dexter, . . . . .	193	Passadumkeag, . . . . .	42
Dixmont, . . . . .	171	Plymouth, . . . . .	101
Edinburg, . . . . .	8	Springfield, . . . . .	84
Eddington, . . . . .	81	Stetson, . . . . .	98
Enfield, . . . . .	65	Marine plantation,	10
Etna, . . . . .	98	Mattawamkeag, . . . . .	
Exeter, . . . . .	145	Nickertow, . . . . .	58
Garland, . . . . .	106	No. 3, Range 6, . . . . .	
Glenburn, . . . . .	101	No. 4, Range 1, . . . . .	17
Greenbush, . . . . .		No. 4, South Carroll, . . . . .	
Hampden, . . . . .	296	No. 5, . . . . .	
Hermon, . . . . .	162	No. 7, Range 3, . . . . .	
Howland, . . . . .	40	West half No. 6, . . . . .	
Kirkland, . . . . .	92		
Lagrange, . . . . .	69		
Lee, . . . . .	133	Total number, . . . . .	6,429

## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

## COUNTY OF WALDO.

Names of Towns.	Return.	Names of Towns.	Return.
Appleton, . . . . .	279	Montville, . . . . .	279
Belfast, . . . . .	391	North Haven, . . . . .	123
Belmont, . . . . .	145	Northport, . . . . .	133
Brooks, . . . . .	99	Palermo, . . . . .	189
Burnham, . . . . .	106	Prospect, . . . . .	134
Camden, . . . . .	609	Searsmont, . . . . .	243
Frankfort, . . . . .	525	Searsport, . . . . .	160
Freedom, . . . . .	117	Swanville, . . . . .	98
Hope, . . . . .	130	Thorndike, . . . . .	
Islesborough, . . . . .		Troy, . . . . .	140
Jackson, . . . . .	103	Unity, . . . . .	212
Knox, . . . . .	158	Vinalhaven, . . . . .	203
Liberty, . . . . .	144	Waldo, . . . . .	117
Lincolnton, . . . . .	164		
Monroe, . . . . .	94	Total number, . . . . .	5,095

## COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot, . . . . .	79	Monson, . . . . .	103
Atkinson, . . . . .	97	Milo, . . . . .	122
Barnard, . . . . .	25	Orneville, . . . . .	51
Bowerbank, . . . . .	18	Parkman, . . . . .	82
Blanchard, . . . . .		Sangerville, . . . . .	115
Brownville, . . . . .	104	Sebec, . . . . .	126
Dover, . . . . .	196	Shirley, . . . . .	53
Elliotsville, . . . . .	16	Wellington, . . . . .	81
Foxcroft, . . . . .	76	Williamsburg, . . . . .	
Guilford, . . . . .	84	No. 2, Range 5, . . . . .	
Greenville, . . . . .			
Kilmarnock, . . . . .	57		
Kingsbury, . . . . .	23	Total number, . . . . .	1,512

## COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Avon, . . . . .	85	Strong, . . . . .	110
Carthage, . . . . .	68	Temple, . . . . .	71
Chesterville, . . . . .	135	Weld, . . . . .	134
Farmington, . . . . .	263	Wilton, . . . . .	238
Freeman, . . . . .	83	Bloomfield plantation, . . . . .	
Industry, . . . . .	107	Dallas plantation, . . . . .	74
Jay, . . . . .	147	Jackson plantation, . . . . .	
Kingfield, . . . . .	83	Letter E, . . . . .	17
Madrid, . . . . .	51	No. 1, Range 4, . . . . .	
New Sharon, . . . . .	145	No. 3, Range 2, . . . . .	
New Vineyard, . . . . .		No. 6, . . . . .	
Phillips, . . . . .	222		
Salem, . . . . .	55	Total number, . . . . .	2,088

## COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

Names of Towns.	Return.	Names of Towns.	Return.
Amity, . . . . .	37	Leavitt plantation, . . . . .	
Hodgdon, . . . . .	84	Letter D, . . . . .	74
Houlton, . . . . .	116	Letter H, . . . . .	23
Linneus, . . . . .	68	Madawaska plantation, . . . . .	
Masardis, . . . . .		Moluncus, . . . . .	32
Monticello, . . . . .	30	Orient plantation, . . . . .	19
New Limerick, . . . . .	17	Presque Isle, . . . . .	
Smyrna, . . . . .	20	Rockabema, . . . . .	
Weston, . . . . .	40	Salmon Brook, . . . . .	20
Bancroft, . . . . .		Van Buren plantation, . . . . .	
Belfast Academy Grant, . . . . .	17	Williams' Col. Grant, . . . . .	
Benedicta, . . . . .	34	No. 1 and 2, Reed plantation, . . . . .	11
Bridgewater, . . . . .	27	No. 1, R. 4, and No. 1, R. 5, . . . . .	
Chrystal plantation, . . . . .	29	No. 9, Range 6, . . . . .	4
Dayton plantation, No 5, R. 5, . . . . .		No. 11, R. 5, . . . . .	
Golden Ridge, . . . . .	32	Limestone river pl., . . . . .	
Hancock plantation, . . . . .			
No. 11, Range 1, . . . . .			
Haynesville plantation, . . . . .	21	Total number, . . . . .	746

## RECAPITULATION.—AGGREGATE RETURNS.

Names of Counties.	Return.	Names of Counties.	Return.
York, . . . . .	5,911	Penobscot, . . . . .	6,429
Cumberland, . . . . .	7,793	Waldo, . . . . .	5,095
Lincoln, . . . . .	6,765	Piscataquis, . . . . .	1,512
Hancock, . . . . .	3,821	Franklin, . . . . .	2,088
Washington, . . . . .	3,749	Aroostook, . . . . .	746
Kennebec, . . . . .	4,667		
Oxford, . . . . .	3,769		
Somerset, . . . . .	3,304	Total, . . . . .	55,649

For names of towns and plantations in the several counties that have made no returns, see foregoing abstract—whole number amounting to *eighty-five*.

From the foregoing abstract it will appear that the whole military force of the state as returned to this office, for eighteen hundred forty-nine, is fifty-five thousand six hundred and forty-nine.

The civil officers of seventy-one of the four hundred and fifty-eight cities, towns and plantations in the state, have neglected to

make returns the past year, and consequently incurred the penalty of the fourth section of the new law which imposes a forfeiture of a sum not less than twenty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, for each neglect of duty.

These penalties have not been exacted. Whether at least, measures should not be taken to compel performance of duty in this regard, is matter to which I beg leave to call the attention of the executive.

Upon the annual returns made to the general government, depends the quantity of arms apportioned to this state, under the United States law of eighteen hundred and eight. Full returns from the whole state would probably show a military force exceeding one-fifth the aggregate herewith exhibited.

The following companies have been organized and furnished with arms, under the law providing for a volunteer corps, viz :

#### LIGHT INFANTRY.

- One company in Saco.
- One company in Portland.

#### ARTILLERY.

- One company in Wiscasset.
- One company in Gardiner.
- One company in Harmony.

#### RIFLEMEN.

- One company in Leeds and Monmouth.
- One company in Rumford.
- One company in Madison and Solon.
- One company in Auburn, Minot and Danville.
- One company in Boothbay.
- One company in Athens.
- One company in Starks.
- One company in Oldtown.
- One company in Cornville.
- One company in Madison and Temple.

Making in all fifteen companies. Most of these companies are

large, well officered, and thoroughly disciplined. They have received on loan from the state, seven hundred and forty-nine muskets and rifles, and six pieces of ordnance, which they will undoubtedly be found ready to use effectually upon any public exigency.

Several other companies in different parts of the state are now in progress of organization.

To establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and provide for the common defense, is declared both by our national and state constitutions to be the purposes for which government is instituted.

In my last annual report, I took occasion to urge at some length, the importance of a well organized militia, as essential to the common defense in respect to aggressions by foreign powers.

Events in neighboring states no less than all governmental experience, ought to admonish us that domestic tranquility can no more effectually be insured, than the common defense provided for, without an efficient military force at the command of the executive authorities.

In our own state since the legislature assembled the government of one of our cities has found it necessary to call out the militia in aid of the police to suppress an excited and desperate mob. The call was promptly and nobly responded to, by a volunteer company organized under the law of eighteen hundred and forty eight, and proved effectual in answering the demands of law and order. The law of the land happily found at its command, the power of compelling obedience to its injunctions.

While the measurable readiness with which the volunteer corps has, under the most discouraging circumstances been organized, demonstrates that the martial spirit in our state is not extinguished, but only awaits the fostering care of the legislature to manifest itself, the prompt and active service which it rendered the public on the occasion referred to, as well as signal instances of the same character constantly occurring in our country, attests the vital importance of an organized military force as an auxiliary to the civil power.

Until the laws and the execution of the laws, have the assent of every citizen within our borders, be his character, education and designs what they may, the government cannot be sustained by moral force alone. Especially under free institutions permitting, as they do, and cherishing the largest liberty consistent with the common good, does the civil arm frequently require to be held up by the impression at least, among the people that it has the means of calling to its support physical force. The vastly increased wealth and material power of this people have indeed rendered it improbable that any foreign power will invade our shores; but that very growth necessarily carries with it many new elements of disorganization. Thus while our statute books reflect the opinion of the legislature to the effect that the necessity of a thoroughly organized and ready citizen soldiery is much less than formerly, the actual state of things most evidently shows that, that necessity is every day becoming more urgent.

So frequently have I on former occasions, urged the necessity of some sort of a military organization, that to elaborate upon its importance at this time, would seem entirely superfluous.

The enactment of the law of eighteen hundred and forty-eight, was an attempt on the part of the friends of the once favorite militia system of the state, to revive, so far as the state of public opinion would justify, some part of its spirit and power. It was but an experiment, made too in a state of the public mind somewhat unfavorable to its adoption and success.

To a certain extent that experiment has been encouraging. It is for the wisdom of the legislature to say, whether the degree of favor which it has met does not demand of them to improve and perfect a system confessedly at the time of its adoption in many respects defective, and requiring improvement.

The quota of arms belonging to the state from the general government, for the years eighteen hundred and forty-nine and eighteen hundred and fifty, have been directed to be furnished in percussion rifles and muskets, of the most approved model.

The appropriation for the arsenal at Portland, has been ex-

hausted in painting and repairs. That for the Bangor arsenal has been mainly expended in labor upon the arms and in putting the buildings in a suitable state of repair.

There are forty artillery gun houses belonging to the state, containing seventy-five pieces of artillery. These houses are rapidly going to decay, and the guns in them are thus not only exposed to great injury, but some of them have within the last year actually been stolen and carried out of the country. I have heretofore recommended the sale of these gun houses and the deposit of their contents in the arsenals at Portland and Bangor. I beg leave urgently to repeat the recommendation. In the event of the adoption of the measure suggested, it will be necessary to provide an additional building connected with the arsenal at Portland, sufficient to contain the artillery property which may most easily be transported to that point, the buildings at Portland not being more than sufficiently large to hold the arms and ordnance already deposited there. Such a building, it is estimated, will cost seven hundred dollars.

I have the honor to remain,

With the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED REDINGTON,

*Adjutant General.*