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## REPORT OF THE QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

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*To His Excellency Rodman M. Price, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of all the Military and Naval Forces of the State of New Jersey :*

Agreeably to the provisions of an "Act establishing a Militia System," making it the duty of the Quarter-Master General to report annually to the Commander-in-Chief, the number and condition of the arms and equipments, including in said report all the camp equipage belonging to the State, I have the honor to transmit my report, showing the number and condition of the same in the State Arsenal, on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, together with the issues of arms and equipments to uniform companies, and the receipts from all sources, at the arsenal, since the date of my last annual report to your Excellency.

### ARMS AND EQUIPMENTS IN THE STATE ARSENAL.

8970—The whole number of arms serviceable and unserviceable in the arsenal is eight thousand nine hundred and seventy, as follows :

1000 muskets, old and unserviceable, above one thousand.

4740 new brown flint lock muskets, in 237 arm chests.

606 new muskets in racks.

3554 old muskets been in service.

55 percussion rifles, old.

- 15 percussion muskets, new.
- 261 cartridge box belts.
- 261 waist belts.
- 90 bayonet scabbards.
- 113 cartridge boxes.
- 43 cartridge box plates.
- 18 cross belt plates.
- 4 non-commissioned officer's swords, belts and plates.
- 42 rifle belts for pouches and flasks.
- 33 rifle flasks and pouches.
- 300 cap pouches for muskets and rifles.
- 29 artillery swords, belts and plates.
- 155 cavalry sabres, belts and plates.
- 208 cavalry pistols.
- 95 tents.
- 11 marquees.
- 425 cannister and strap shot in boxes.
- 1 brass cannon, six pounder, percussion lock.
- 2 iron cannon six pounder.
- 2 iron cannon, six pounder, not mounted.
- 2 brass cannon, four pounder, not mounted, French.

A number of knapsacks, canteens, camp kettles and pans, all unserviceable.

#### ISSUES.

There have been issued from the arsenal to the use of the uniform corps, upon requisition and bond, pursuant to the statute, the following arms and equipments.

1856. *February 7*—

To Captain Daniel S. Stevens, for the use of the Navesink Rifles; of Red Bank, Monmouth Brigade.

- 47 percussion rifles.
- 47 cap pouches, flasks and slings.
- 47 cartridge boxes and plates:

47 cartridge box belts and plates.

47 waist belts and clasps, with usual implements.

4 non-commissioned officer's swords, belts and plates.

*February 14—*

To Captain Isaac W. Mickle, for the use of the Camden Light Artillery, Camden Brigade.

60 percussion muskets, bright.

60 bayonets and scabbards.

60 cap pouches.

60 waist belts and clasps.

60 cartridge boxes and plates.

60 cartridge box, belts and plates.

5 non-commissioned officer's swords, belts and plates, with the other usual implements.

*February 20—*

To Captain Jacob L. Chevalier, for the use of the New Brunswick Guard Artillery.

1 brass cannon six pounder, with implements.

*April 1—*

To Brigadier General Garrison, for the use of the field and staff officers of the Passaic Brigade.

11 pair of pistols, holsters and housings.

*April 5—*

To Captain Thomas Terrill, for the use of the Deshler Guards, of New Brunswick, Middlesex Brigade.

25 percussion muskets, bright.

25 bayonets and cap pouches.

51 bayonets and scabbards.

51 waist belts and 25 clasps.

25 cartridge boxes and plates.

51 cartridge box belts and 25 plates, with the other usual implements.

*May 9—*

To Captain John T. Sergeant, for the use of the Delaware Guards, Sergeantsville, Hunterdon Brigade.

28 percussion muskets, bright.

28 bayonets and scabbards.

28 cap pouches.

28 waist belts and clasps.

28 cartridge boxes and plates.

28 cartridge box belts and plates.

4 non-commissioned officer's swords, belts and plates, with other usual implements.

*May 19—*

To Captain J. R. Patterson, for the use of the Monmouth Blues, Freehold, Monmouth Brigade.

26 muskets, flint lock, bright.

26 bayonets and scabbards.

26 waist belts and clasps.

26 cartridge boxes and plates.

26 cartridge box belts and plates.

4 non-commissioned officer's swords, and belts, and plates, with other usual implements.

*May 23—*

To Captain William Hexamer, for the use of the Hudson County Artillery, Hoboken, Hudson Brigade.

1 brass cannon, six pounder, and implements.

28 artillery swords, belts and plates.

36 muskets, flint lock, bright.

36 cap pouches and slings.

36 bayonets and scabbards.

36 waist belts and clasps.

36 cartridge boxes and plates.

36 cartridge box belts and plates.

4 non-commissioned officer's swords, and belts, and plates.

*June 20—*

To Captain Joseph Gale, for the use of the National Guards, of Mount Holly, Burlington Brigade.

40 percussion muskets, bright.

40 cap pouches.

40 bayonets and scabbards.

40 waist belts and clasps.

40 cartridge boxes and plates.

40 cartridge box belts and plates.

4 non-commissioned officer's swords, belts and plates, with other usual implements.

*June 24—*

To Captain Charles Henderson, for the use of the Newton Light Artillery, Sussex Brigade.

1 brass cannon, six pounder, with the implements complete.

14 artillery swords, and belts, and plates.

40 muskets, bright flint lock.

40 bayonets and scabbards.

40 cross belts.

40 cartridge boxes and plates.

40 cartridge box belts and plates.

4 non-commissioned officer's swords, and belts, and plates.

*June 28—*

To Captain Isaac M. Tucker, for the use of Company C, City Battalion, Newark Independent Essex Brigade.

10 waist belts.

12 cartridge box belts.

12 cross belts.

*June 28—*

To Captain William Hexamer, for the use of the Hudson County Artillery, Hudson Brigade.

2 sets of artillery harness for two wheeled horses.

2 sets of artillery harness for two lead horses.

8 nose bags, and four whips.

*June 28—*

To Captain George W. Brown, for the use of the Ocean Rifle Guards, Long Branch, Monmouth Brigade.

40 rifles, flint lock, old.

40 cap pouches, flasks and slings.

40 cartridge boxes and plates.

40 waist belts and clasps.

40 cartridge box belts and plates.

The above rifles and equipments, old, temporarily loaned to the Ocean Rifle Guards, for armory drill and exercise, until others could be furnished.

8 non-commissioned officer's swords, belts and plates.

4 artillery swords, and belts, and plates.

*June 28—*

Captain T. D. Hutchinson, for the use of the Liberty Rifles, Trenton Mercer Brigade.

1 non-commissioned officer's sword, belt and plate.

*June 30—*

To Captain William H. Halsey, for the use of the Washington Continentals, of Newark, Independent Essex Brigade.

40 muskets, flint lock, bright.

40 cap pouches.

*July 18—*

To Captain George W. Brown, for the use of the Ocean Rifle Guards, Long Branch, Monmouth Brigade.

50 percussion rifles, steel barreled, long range sight, stud-attachment.

50 screw-drivers.

50 wipers.

50 cones extra.

5 spring vises.

5 ball screws.

5 bullet moulds for Minnie balls.

3 swedges for balls.

50 sword bayonets and scabbards.

50 rifle cartridge boxes and plates.

50 " sword bayonet waist belts with clasps.

50 gun slings.

50 cap pouches and cone picks, and 3 arm chests.

*September 22d—*

To Captain J. T. Sergeant, for the use of the Delaware Guards, Sergeantville, Hunterdon Brigade.

20 muskets, flint lock, brown.

## RECEIPTS.

There have been returned into the State Arsenal the following arms and equipments:

*April 5—*

23 bayonet scabbards.

23 waist belts and 25 cartridge box belts.

3 non-commissioned officer's sword belts.

By Captain T. Terrell, Deshler Guards, New Brunswick, Middlesex Brigade.

*June 11—*

40 muskets, flint lock.

40 bayonets and scabbards.

40 cartridge boxes and plates.

By Captain Joseph Gale, National Guards, Mount Holly, Burlington Brigade.

*July 3—*From Camden county.

80 old German muskets.

75 bayonets.

20 muskets, unserviceable, heretofore issued to the Gloucester Brigade.

*July 25—*

11 muskets.

11 bayonets.

21 cartridge boxes and straps.

20 plates.

19 waist belts.

20 bayonet scabbards.

14 waist-belt plates.

8 breast plates.

1 screw driver and 1 wiper.

By Captain George B. Raymond, of the Steward Guards, Bordentown, Burlington Brigade.

*August 8—*

24 muskets and 7 bayonets from Camden county, and

*October 16—*

10 muskets from Gloucester county, heretofore loaned to the Gloucester Brigade.

*December 31—*

40 muskets, flint lock.

29 bayonets and 8 cartridge boxes.

By Captain P. B. Kennedy, Belvidere infantry, Warren Brigade.

There have been made the following transfers of arms, by consent and order to companies upon their giving the usual security :

1 brass cannon, six pounder, with implements issued to the "Highwood Guards," Captain J. T. Hatfield, Hudson Brigade, transferred to the use of the Hudson County Artillery, Captain William Hexamer, of the same brigade.

1 brass cannon, six pounder, with implements issued to the Columbian Rifles, organized as Light Artillery, under Colonel Babbitt, of the Essex Brigade, transferred to the use of the Price Artillery, Captain G. B. Osmun, of the same brigade.

60 muskets, with all the equipments and implements, transferred from the National Guards of Bridgeton, Captain F. M. Dubois, Cumberland Brigade, to the use of the Worth Artillery, commanded by Captain Samuel M. Carll, of the same brigade.

There have been received the following arms and equipments from the United States Government, on account of annual quota due to the State of New Jersey, under the act of Congress, for arming the militia of the several States :

*June 16—*

2 setts of artillery harness for two lead horses.

2 setts of artillery harness for two wheel horses.

8 nose bags and 4 whips.

*July 14—*

50 percussion rifles, steel barreled, long range sight, stud attachment.

50 screws.

5 bullet moulds for Minnie balls.

3 swedges for balls.

50 sword bayonets and scabbards.

50 rifle cartridge boxes and plates.

50 rifle sword bayonet waist belts with clasps.

50 gun slings.

50 cap pouches and cone picks and 3 arm chests.

The following arms have been altered from flint lock to percussion, under the authority given by an act approved March 10, 1856, in a satisfactory manner, by F. Hausen, of Paterson, New Jersey.

50 muskets, bright barrels.

30 rifles, bright barrels.

20 rifles, brown barrels.

22 pistols, cavalry barrels.

The Quarter Master General was authorized and directed, by the act approved March 10, 1856, under the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, to cause two hundred flint lock muskets to be altered to the use of the Minnie ball, upon the most approved plan now in use. It was deemed advisable to postpone action in the matter, until the proposition then before Congress to alter at the expense of the United States Government the small arms hitherto issued to the States had been disposed of.

The Secretary of War has renewed his recommendation to the present session of Congress, for an appropriation to enable the United States Government "to alter the small arms heretofore issued to the States for the use of the militia, so as to make them conform to the improved model which has been adopted for the United States service." By the act above referred to, authority was given to dispose of the old and un-serviceable arms and equipments in the arsenal, and to apply the proceeds to the alteration of arms. Several offers were received for them, but at so inadequate a sum per musket that they were declined.

I thought it better to defer selling until a more favorable opportunity for a better offer, than to make any sacrifice. I

have, therefore, for payment of the expenses of the alterations of arms required for immediate service, been obliged to draw upon the treasury.

I have had to decline, for want of means, all applications upon this office by uniform companies for authority to have their arms altered from flint to percussion locks, in view of the expenses to be incurred to the State by such alterations.

To furnish this office with more reliable and certain information annually, as to the number and condition of the arms and equipments furnished to uniform corps, and as was believed to perfect a better system of accountability on the part of the different military companies, for the proper care and preservation of the property of the State in their custody, the Legislature at its last session passed a law requiring commandants of companies to make returns annually on or before the first day of January in every year, to the Quarter Master General, the actual situation, condition and number of arms and accoutrements, the number of men enrolled, equipped and doing militia duty, of the respective corps.

In furtherance of this object, a printed circular containing the law, and calling attention to its provisions, together with the printed form of the return, has been forwarded by mail to every company of the State.

It is deeply to be regretted that the action of the Legislature, ever ready to foster and cherish the military spirit by encouraging the formation of uniform companies, has not been responded to by the military with more promptness and regard for the property of the State. Although returns have not, as yet, been received from more than one-half of the commandants of companies, and many of the returns received are defective and incomplete, in not showing the actual situation and good condition of the arms and equipments in their possession, yet, I have not caused them to be returned to my care, as provided for in the law above referred to, believing, as I do, that every company considering the importance of the information sought for by the returns to the military service of the State,

will hereafter send them in, with more certainty and particularity, by the day required by law, so as to be in time to be embodied in my annual report to the Commander-in-Chief.

I annex hereunto, schedule marked [A.], by which will appear the returns as far as received up to this date, the number of men enrolled, the number equipped, the number in uniform, and the number of arms and accoutrements; also the condition and situation of the same as fully as have been reported to me.

From personal inquiry instituted during the past year, into the situation and condition of the public arms heretofore loaned to the brigade boards for the use of the militia of the several counties of this State, I am enabled to report to your Excellency, that very little or no care is taken of them, from the fact that the brigades have no further use for them; the meetings of the brigade boards have fallen into disuse; the militia not called out as formerly for training and inspection, and no suitable armory provided by the counties for the safe-keeping and preservation of the same, and the greater proportion of them now scattered throughout the bounds of the brigades are considered and used as private property.

I have no means at my command, by which I can furnish your Excellency with anything like a correct or particular statement of the number or condition of these arms. No returns have been made for years by any of the Brigade Inspectors. The only information upon this point that I can gather, is by reference to previous annual reports from this office, by which it appears that a very inconsiderable number have been returned into the arsenal since the 25th day of January, 1839, when there had been distributed and known to be in the custody of the brigades (8777) eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven stand of arms.

I have hitherto forbore to take any measures to recall these arms, having doubts as to my authority, under the several acts of the Legislature, proseribing the duties of the Quarter Master General, and have felt unwilling to assume the respon-

sibility, in the event of a refusal to deliver them into the arsenal at the expense of the brigades, to incur the expenses of collection and transportation of the same until some action should be taken in the premises by the Legislature.

Efforts have been made to recall arms issued upon requisition and bond to uniform companies now out of service, but, with very little success, as will appear by reference to the returns embodied in this report. Many of the officers upon whose bonds the arms were issued, are either dead or have removed to other States. The arms have passed into the possession of individuals and independent organizations not recognized by law, nor accountable to the State for either their safe keeping or return to the arsenal when required. If desirable that efforts should be made to reclaim this large amount of property of the State, I would respectfully suggest to your Excellency (as the only practicable means, in my opinion, by which it can be accomplished) the passage of a law authorizing the Quarter Master General to employ persons in the different Counties into which arms have been distributed and not returned, to collect and return the same to the arsenal, at a reasonable compensation, to be paid by the State.

Repeated orders have been forwarded by mail, addressed to the officers, formerly in command of disbanded companies, recalling their arms. In many instances no attention whatever is paid to the order, and no disposition manifested to comply.

I would respectfully suggest a law authorizing and directing the Attorney General to institute legal proceedings against all such delinquent officers, when so reported by the Quarter Master General for the recovery of damages and expenses incurred to the State by reason of the failure to make return of their arms when required so to do.

Slight repairs, painting and papering have been done during the last summer to the dwelling house of the State Armory, to make it tenantable, at a trifling cost.

The cells of the south wing of the arsenal have been re-

Containing a Statement of the Returns made by Commandants of Co

Commandants.	Companies.	Brigades.	COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.			NON COM AND MI	
			Captains.....	Lieutenants.....	Ensigns.....	Sergeants.....	Corporals.....
Capt. J. T. Hatfield.....	Highwood Guard.....	Hudson....	1	1	1	3	3
" Gilliam Van Houten..	National Guard.....	Hudson....	1	1		5	
" Dennis Farrell.....	Montgomery Guard.....	Hudson....	1	1	1	4	2
" Samuel D. Ellis.....	Ellis Guards.....	Hudson....	1	1	1	4	4
" Abraham Speer.....	Washington Volunteers.....	Hudson....	1	2	1	4	4
" William Sanderson....	N. Jersey Continental Guard.	Hudson....	1	1		4	4
" William Hexamer....	Hudson Co. Artillery.....	Hudson....	1	2		2	2
" Jacob Stabe.....	Right Independent Rifles....	Hudson....					
" F. W. Bohnstedt.....	*Hudson Rifles.....	Hudson....	1	2		4	4
" William H. Halsey...	Washington Continentals....	Essex.....	1	2	1	4	4
" Aaron Young.....	Washington Blues.....	Essex.....	1	1	1	4	4
" John Peter Ritter.....	Jefferson Rifles.....	Essex.....	1	3	1	4	4
" William Weimmar....	Scott Rifles.....	Essex.....	1	3	1	4	4
" Owen Murphy.....	O. B. Columbian Rifles.....	Essex.....	1	2		4	4
" Alfred F. Munn.....	†American Rifles.....	Essex.....		1			
" William Kelly.....	Liberty Rifles.....	Essex.....	1	2	1	4	4
" George Griffith.....	City Blues, Artillery.....	Passaic....	1	3		4	4
" Joel W. Johnson.....	Washington Continentals....	Passaic....	1	3	1	4	4
" Felix Donnelly.....	Emmet Light Guard.....	Passaic....	1	3		4	
" C. H. O'Neill.....	Montgomery Riflemen.....	Passaic....	1	2	1	4	
" G. G. Ackerson.....	Hackensack Continentals....	Bergen....	1	2	1	4	
" Charles Henderson...	Newton Light Artillery.....	Sussex....	1	1		4	4
" Samuel Lilly.....	Lambertville Fencibles.....	Hunterdon	1	3		4	2
" George W. Tunis.....	†Warren Guards.....	Warren....	1	1	1		
" R. C. Helm.....	Morgan Rifles.....	Middlesex.	1	3	1	4	
" Philip J. Parisen....	South Amboy Guard.....	Middlesex.	1	1	1	3	3
Lieut. J. R. Garlock.....	Monmouth Blues.....	Monmouth	1	3	1	4	4
Capt. Charles Trowbridge..	Monmouth Guards.....	Monmouth	1	3	1	4	4
" D. S. Stevens.....	Navesink Rifles.....	Monmouth	1	3	1	4	
" G. W. Brown.....	Ocean Rifle Guards.....	Monmouth	1	4	1	4	4
" John Travers.....	Trenton Sarsfield Guards....	Mercer....	1	2	1	4	4
" T. D. Hutchinson....	Liberty Rifles.....	Mercer....	1	2	1	5	4
" J. B. Gribbin.....	Trenton Volunteers.....	Mercer....	1	2	1	4	4
" Joseph Gale.....	National Guards.....	Burlington	1				
" E. S. Parego.....	Artillery Company.....	Burlington	1	3	1	4	4
" J. W. Mickle.....	Camden Light Artillery.....	Camden....	1	3		5	5
" Charles Allen.....	Princeton Blues.....	Mercer....	1	2	1	2	
" G. P. Fuhrmann.....	Trenton Rifles.....	Mercer....	1	3	1	4	4
			36	77	25	133	97

\* This Company is fully armed and equipped at their own expense.



moved, and a part of the old materials so taken out—sold, sufficient to defray the cost of such removal, preparatory to fitting up the same for an armory—very much needed on account of the dilapidated and leaky condition of the building at present used for that purpose. Some slight expense in repairs have been put upon it to make it fit for occupation until the proposed new armory can be fitted up. The work on the south wing was suspended early in the last summer until the present year, in consequence of the want of means in the State Treasury to pay the appropriation made for that purpose by the Legislature at the last session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS PERRINE,  
*Quarter Master General N. J. M.*





