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## Ter aunual message of Major-General John W. Geary to the Legislature of Pemnsylvania

 was presented to-day, and will be found in fallThe only remaining subjoot of whioh our
space will permit us to troat is that of pardona.
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ostions. This is as it should be, as in the ox
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people vest in his hands, the Governor ought
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1888, of whloh 106 were granted-about six 1868, of whloh 106 were granted-about six
snd a half per oent. In using the power the
Governor has been Governor has been exoeedingly caratal, and
we think a great majority of those pardoned merited colemenongy. The message conolades
with an admirable summing -up of the condition of the nation and state, both polititionl and
Eocial, and sees in the eleotion of General the dawn of that day when all controversia Taken as a whole, there has rarely been message that will give more general satisfao-
tion, both for its contents and the manuer in which they ate expressed.
An Opportuntty for Economy. By the annual report of the Goverument
printer, it appasar that the aggregate oost of
the printing aud binding done at the Government ofice during the year ending September
30,1868 , was $\$ 1,504,513$, whioh is $\$ 126,071$
less than the expense less than the expense incurred the previons
year, and nearly an million dollars below that
of the year 1865 . This is certainly a very satisfactory exhibit, but we think the nex report of the Government printer could bs
made still more palatable to taxpayers. Take the Patent Office report, for instance. The
report for 1867 is now being printed, but will report for 1867 is now being printed, but will
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