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MESSAGE OF GOV. A. G. CURTIN.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 30, '66. To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :

GENTLEMEN :--- We have cause to be hankful to Divine Providence for the blessings of peace within our borders, abundant crops, unanimity among our people, and that thus thus Commonposterity.

I apprised you in my message of the 27th November, 1865, and delivered to you at the beginning of your session, of the necessity under the pressure of which I was compelled, for the resto-which I was compelled, for the restoration of my health, to sojourn for a appropriation.

time in a warmer climate. I returned from Cuba refreshed and invigora- propriation be made for charities, be-spect for and willingness to protect, it, with the commission and rank of standard. These three new regiments crossed the Potomac, threatening the ed from Caba refreshed and invigora-ted, and have resumed the discharge of my public duties. I cannot omit above specified. Have by all needfal guarantees, the consti-tutional rights and constitutional in-

to acknowledge, with profound grati-tude, the kind, considerate and affec-porations are unequal, and to a certain contemplated attempt to resist the tude the kind considerate and affectionate course which you pursued du- extent thereby unjust. I recommend enforcement of the National law could United States service, was \$55,444 87. gregate, to 25,790 men for this year. ring my constrained absence. A heavy the subject to the attention of the Leg- meet with sympathy or encouragement They were encamped in different parts addition has been thus made to the islature, with a view to a revision of from the people of this Common wealth, of the State, excepting two of the after the second disaster at Bull Run, debt which I already owed to the peo- the system.

ple of the Commonwealth and their Representatives.

ending Nov. 30, 1865 6,219,989.67

Total in Treasury for fiscal yr. ending Nov. 30,1865 8,162,198.30 The payments for same pe-and has already led to abuses. I recommend that the pract riod have been 5,788,525,16

Bal. in Treas. Nov. 30 '65 2,373,668.14 The operations of the sinking fund, by the officer by whom the mency is to the National Legislature. during the year ending on the first Monday of September last, as stated in my proclamation, were as follows: General's office in the usual manner. rebellion, was on the 15th of April, The troops sent to West Virginia commanding the Pennsylvania Re-priation of one hundred thousand dol-print for the State, aided by an appro-priation of one hundred thousand dol-ars from the Commonwealth.

sources, and rollave, as far as possible, | ken by this State in aiding to main- try, and anticipating that, in case of strength of 1, 258 officers and men.

It has been the labit of late years, its enemies.

year increased in number and amount. ces, render a full and determined sup- be made to enable me to render the them to the people of the State. Houses of refuge, institutions for the port of the free institutions of the military power of the State as availa-deaf and dumb, and for the blind, lu-Union. The pledge so made was ble and efficient as it should be for the thousand and forty-six (43, 046) men enter Ohio and Western Virginia, in natic asylums-these appear to me to based upon my knowledge of the solid common defence of the State and the were turnished for the service, princibe proper objects of State bounty, be-patriotism of her citizons. At that General Government; and according, pally to fill regiments in the field of the line of the Susquehanna, were cause a few of them are sufficient for time danger threatened, but no one on the 20th of April, 1851, issued my which had been reduced by the exigen. at Gettysburg before the advance of the whole State, and to leave them to anticipated that it would break forth proclamation, calling for a meeting of cies of the war.

ties would, in fact, be to deprive of to such fearful proportions as it in a the same month. protection the unfortunate classes for brief time assumed.

rious and effective, should, I think, be ty and resources, has been fully justi- and arming of at least fifteen regi- various periods, were organized and when ordered, and attacked the enemy

It is unjust that the people of the ful period

sometimes without clearly designating of the State. On the 12th day of the the War Department, were sent on sanction of the President of the Uni- ments of the enemy, and the circum, by whom the money is to be expend- same month, I signed a bill providing the 22d of June, 1861, to the relief of ted States, on the 11th day of that ed, or how the accounts are to be ex- for the purposes indicated in my mes- Colonel Wallace, at Cumberland, Mary- month, I issued my proclamation, call- that borough. Although the people amined. This custom is very recent, sage.

I recommend that the practice be corrected, and that no appropriation be made without having the exact sum appropriated, the specified purpose to which it is applied, and designed to be the first official action which it is applied, and designed to be the first official action which it is applied, and designed to the total of the treemen of this State. Un-the close of July the whole corps was and four companies of infantry, four-into the service of the United States. Within four days after the designed to the the service of the United States.

expended, and providing that the ac- The first call made by the President ditures by the State for military pur- and that of this number, the quota of regiments of the corps, forwarded to by the Secretary of War, to the com-poses, since the breaking out of the Pennsylvania was settled at fourteen Washington. have struggled energetically to revive mand of these troops, by whose order from this calamity, but it is now fear-578.00 to state further, that on the 1st day unteers answered to this call, in such Under these circumstances, it may stitution and the laws, could not be arises from the fact, that the one clo-ses on the first Monday of September, the other on the 30th day of Novemhalf mills on real estate. The tax of ment, to a command, which included ed. Amount of the public debt of Penn- one-half mill laid by the act of May the forces raised in Pennsylvania. They had left their families and call, and hastened to the defence of duced until that repayment shall have necessities of the situation, made, on listments. Five per cent. stocks \$1,703,517.88 been made. I recommend this sub- the 25th of April, a requisition upon 20,000.00 ject to the careful and deliberate con- me for twenty-five additional regi- of July, 1861, the President was au- troops : "The readiness which they all themilitary operations of the State, 578 00 sideration and judgment of the Legis- ments of infantry and one of cavalry, thorized to call upon the several States crossed the border and took their to the reports of the Adjutant Gener-Domestic creditors cert'fs. 578 00 sideration and judgment of the Degis- ments of diffarences to serve for three years. If y loan, act May 15,'61 179,250.00 lature, and if it should be found that to be forthwith mustered into the serve for three years. Under this authority requisitions were that the barder is, in all respects, but the State, and to my previous annual that all laws authorizing the levying requisition, I accepted, from amongst made on this State, and fourteen reg- an ideal line, and that in such a cause messages. This brief military record of local taxes on bonds, mortgages, the many pressing to be admitted into loans and all property of that kind the service, a sufficient number of combe also repealed. Such a repeal would panies to fill it: care being taken to granted by the President and the War largely encourage the investment of allow to each county, as nearly as pos-capital in this State, and add immens- sible, a fair representation. Only elevto the wealth of the State, while en regiments, however, in addition to of the State, which seriously interfer- also the western border of Pennsylva- constant support I have uniformily the local authorities would lose very the fourteen called for by the Presi ed with the action of the State author-3,500,000.00 little, as it is notorious, that from the dent, were organized and mustered ities in filling requisitions regularly again issued my proclamation, calling ments, and officers of my personal difficulties of assessment, they receive into the service, before the order of made ander the acts of Congress. In case of such repeal, I recommend by, him, under instructions from the this conflict of authorities became at Monongabela, five regiments of infan- amount of labor performed by these the adoption of some effectual meas- War Department, ures for enforcing correct returns of On the 14th day of May, 186I, the ed to call the attention of the Presi- battery of artillery, for ninety day's Secretary of the Commonwealth, may such objects of taxation, with appro- Secretary of War, in a letter commu- dent and Secretary of War to the sub- service, and one battalion of infantry, be made, when it is stated that over priate penalties for the neglect or re-fusal to make them. In a first of angust, 1861, and on the 25th tery of artillery, for six monthe' Uni- commissions were issued during the I make these recommendations be- revocation of the order in the follow- of Sep. following, and order was issued ted States service, were organized war. lieving that it will lead to more equi- ing language: "Ten regiments are requiring these independent regiments In the Department of the Susquehan- The first request for troops from 23,852,589.92 table local taxation, and to greater assigned to Pennsylvania, making, in to report to the Governor, and placing na, twenty-three regiments and five this State was dated at Washington, Many acts are on our statute books, three months militia, already called Acting under this order, many of the incorporating companies for various for, twenty-three regiments. It is independent regiments were filled up, one battalion of infantry, and four in- War Department that over 4,000 men 2,255,579.02 purposes, which companies have never important to reduce, rather than en- others consolidated and seventy-three dependent batteries of artillery, for were at Harrisburgh, swaiting march-This includes the direct tax paid to the U.S. by the State, which is not re-imbursable. In the balance is in-state of the state annual message the the table of the state of re-imbursable. In the balance is in eluded the \$671,476.43 paid to the mil-tria, which, with a good portion of the the State from the General Govern-ment. The necessity of extraordinary ex-penditures having ceased with the sup-pression of the late rebellion, measures thould be taken to "examine our re-"

the heavy burdens to which our people tain the unity of the Government, and reverse to our arms, the borders of It will be remembered, that the ard-are subjected. The details of the assaults of Pennsylvania would be the portals to or and promptness of our people, under militia on these occasions, as well as to appropriate freely, annual sums for In my first inaugural address, I store-houses of the North, I deemed the troops forward, was such as to the militia of the States of New York

be provided for by the local authori- so suddenly, nor that it would grow the General Assembly, on the 30th of During the year 1863, under the var-

done her duty during the late event- the service of the United States. wealth has been enabled to do her full Common wealth shall be coerced to pay On the request of the President of upon this suggestion, and made full men, furnished for that year. duty to the country, to herself and to taxes in order that part of the money the United States, I made a commu- provision for its effectual accomplishso raised may be given to the support nication to the Legislature on the 9th ment. The result was the early and solidating our reduced regiments, and on the patriotism, courage and fidelity

ppropriation. I recommend, therefore, that no ap-vania yielded to no State in her re-WCall, who was selected to command WCall, who was selected to command WCall, who was selected to command were again filled to the regimental in July, 1864, a rebel army again the system. Within a few years, acts have been repeatedly passed directing the expen-ital, and to so amend and modify the mons, and two batteries of artillery. diture of as much money as may be militia laws as to give vitality and under the command of Colonel Charles through Maryland and the southern

On the 26th of July, 186I, the Sec-retary of War expressed his gratifi-cation and thanks for the prompt re-on the 24th of the same month. In sponse from Pennsylvania. The wisdom of the Legislature in dered by the men of Pennsylvania, people some additional relief. providing for the formation of this Major General M'Clellan, commanding strous wickedness which had conceiv. corps, for the interests of the State the Army of the Potomae, by letter service from Pennsylvania, during the and nation, was fully shown by sub-dated the 27th of September, 1862, rebellion, may be stated as follows, sequent events. Most of the men who acknowledging the service and thank- viz : filled its ranks had been accepted by ing the State, uses the following lan-By net of Congress of 22d and 25th lowing language in regard to these I refer, for more perfect details of Gen. Patterson was countermanded The embarrassments arising from service. In the Department of the An approximate judgment of the length so serious that I was constrain- try, one company of cavalry and one departments, and in the office of the addition to the thirteen regiments of them under his authority and control unattached companies of cavalry, for on the 15th April, 1861, and on the

the rich granaries, manufactories and such trying circumstances, in pressing the generous assistance rendered by the support of local charities; and took occasion to declare that Pennsyl- it my duty to convenue the Legisla- call from the President especial and New Jersey, have been fully rec-such appropriations are almost every vania would, under any circumstant ture, that adequate provision might thanks, and to request me to express ognized in previous messages.

Republican

ious calls of the General Government, a superior force, made long marches, In my message to the Legislature thirty-two regiments, two battalions patiently suffering great privations whose benefit they are designed. But My confidence in Pennsylvania, in at its opening, I recommended the and eight unattached companies of for the want of sufficient means of mere local charities, however merito- her even, yet stubborn will, her abili- immediate organization, disciplining different arms of the service and for transportation, crossed into Maryland, left to the support of the benevolent fied by the manner in which she has ments, exclusive of those called into sent to the field, aggregating, with reenlistments in the field, amounting to of their State from destruction. When The Legislature noted promptly 17,876, an aggregate force of 91,704 the history of the rebellion is truly

In the month of September, 1862, ately sent forward. The rebel army about to invade the Northern States the 30th of July, burned the town of The bal. in the Treasury, Nov. 30, 1864 \$1,942,203.63 ditare of as much money as may be infinite laws as to give vitancy and Nov. 30, 1864 \$1,942,203.63 ditare of as much money as may be infinite laws as to give vitancy and necessary to effect named purposes, energy to the military organizations the War Department, were sent on sanction of the President of the Uniland, and remained for about six weeks ing into immediate service fifty thous- of the southern border suffered much It will be remembered that this pa- there, and in Western Virginia, en- and of the freemen of this State. Un. from annual incursions of the enemy,

tailed by the War Department.

* cting under orders, they did not the Army of the Potomac, defended

Carlisle successfully when attacked by

on, furnished for that year. On my suggestion, the policy con- Pennsylvania, will reflect more credit

Under the pressing demands of the National authorities, all the organized troops in Pennsylvania were immediwas defeated and driven back. A rebel Chambersburg. In my message of last year, I stated in detail the movestances attending the destruction of ly destroyed within our border, and, it is believed, in any loyal State.

Bull Run, eleven regiments, in all re-spects ready for active service, were in Washington and Baltimore. beyond the State line into Maryland, benevolence of the people of other Gen. John F. Reynolds, at that period parts of the State, aided by an apprors from the Commonwealth. They mand of these troops, by whose order from this calamity, but it is now fearacknowledgement of the services ren- would not be proper to extend to that The number of troops furnished the

as lollows, viz: Five per cent Coupon loan War loan Interest certificates Domestic creditors

230,000.00 rebellion, the condition of the Treas- regiments, to serve three months, un-76,400.00 ury is now \$2,555,579.12 better than it less sooner discharged. With unsur-2,008.64 was then, and I am proud to be able passed alacrity and earnestness, vol-

very little from these sources.

The discrepancy between the reduc- of December, 1805, the State debt was numbers as manifested the intuitive tion of the public debt, as shown by \$492,938.66 less than it was on the conviction of the people, that the monthe statement at the close of the fiscal 1st of January, 1861. These are tra- strous wickedness which had conceivyear, and that in my proclamation at | ly gratifying facts.

the close of the sinking fund year, ber.

sylvania, as it stood on the first day 16, 1861, was by that act expressly Within a week atter the call of the homes under the deep sense of daty to their frontier, no doubt exercised a of December, 1864, \$39,379,603.94. Amount redeemed at the State Treasury, during the fiscal year end-information and enlisteness chall have a more than the fiscal year end-information with the fiscal year end-informatio

41 per cent. stocks Domestic creditors cert'fs.

Public debt, December 1, 1865, \$37, 76,258 06. Assets in the Treasury : onds Penn'a. railroad company Sonds Philad'a. & Eric \$6,700,0000.00 railroad company atcrest on bonds Phil'a. & Erie railroad co. 1.050.000.00 ash in Treasury 2,878,668.14

13,623,668.14 iabilities in excess of 23,852,589.92 assets. abilities in excess of assets Nov. 30, 1860 \$26,408,168.94 abilities in excess of assets, Nov. 30, 1865

nprovement in condition of the Treasury since

Nov. 20, 1860 2.255,579.02 purposes, which companies have never important to reduce, rather than en-been organized or gone into operation. large this number, and in no event to r, it will be observed that the extra-r, it will be observed that the extrar, it will be observed that the extra-ordinary expenditures growing out of be war, not refunded by the General Government, have been \$4,028,627.21. This includes the direct for word, unless the corporation shall be war, and if more are already call-the war, and if more are already call-the includes the direct for more than the first military the war, and if more are already call-the war are to seven the the transport for the transport fore

"The manner in which the people of Pennsylvania responded to your dated September 29, 1865, used the fol- navy.

the militia of the State into immediate staff.

1	During	the year	1861	130,594	
i	Do	do	1862	71,100	
1	Do	do	1863	43,045	
1	Do	do	1864	91,704	
	Do	do	1865	25,840	1
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mend the fidelity, zeal and industry In the month of June, 1863, it again of the military departments of the