

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: GENTLEMEN.—Notwithstanding the pressure of public calamity, which has weighed heavily on the country during the past year, it has pleased Divine Providence not only to enable me to discharge my duties to perform in full all the duties to our common government, but to give to this Commonwealth domestic peace, plenty and prosperity.

decline the fifteen per cent. allowed by the act of Congress, for prompt payment.— Pennsylvania thus paid her quota of the direct tax before any other State. There is still due to the State, principally for advances since made for transportation and other purposes, about three hundred thousand dollars.

On the 20th of February last I issued my warrant authorizing the State Treasurer to deliver to the Philadelphia and Erie railroad company one thousand and five hundred shares of the State in conformity with the act of May 7, 1861. On the 20th of November I issued a similar warrant. Both warrants were granted after receiving reports from John A. Wright, Esq., the commissioner appointed for the purpose, that the same had been appropriated in accordance with the provisions of the law. The company has now received three of the five millions of bonds deposited in the State Treasury.

Including the three months volunteers, Pennsylvania has furnished to the general government more than two hundred thousand men, besides some fifty thousand who were in service, or actually ready for it, as volunteers, militia under the call of 11th Sept. last, making in the whole more than two hundred and fifty thousand men.

On the 7th of July last a call was made by the President for three hundred thousand men. This State had already supplied nearly one hundred and ten thousand men, yet her people promptly responded themselves to respond to this new requirement, and in the same manner that no doubt would be necessary to induce the men of Pennsylvania to enter the service of their country on such an occasion, yet as some of the neighboring States offered large bounties, it was thought not right to expose our citizens to temptations of this nature.

The militia law of this State is greatly defective, and I earnestly recommend the appointment of a commission to prepare and submit an efficient report on the subject to the next session of the Legislature, so that action may be had on the subject at the proper season. In the hurry of ordinary business the Legislature might not be able to give the necessary attention to the preparation of a proper measure to provide for the militia law of this State.

The result of this manifestation of public spirit was that thirty eight new regiments and three unattached companies of infantry were raised; four regiments which, previous to this call, had been organized by the War Department to be raised, are still in progress of organization.

INTERESTING ARMY LETTER.

LET BRIGADIER MILROY'S (D.R.) Winchester, Jan. 5, '62. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the proposed expedition to the mountains, to remain away five days and nights. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the proposed expedition to the mountains, to remain away five days and nights.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

SEVERE BATTLE AT VICKSBURG. Several columns of interesting war news will be found on our first page. The intelligence since received is subjoined. A dispatch from Helena, Arkansas, dated January 21, states that the fighting was still raging at Vicksburg, and without decisive result. On Monday, the 20th, the main Confederate battery and rifle pits were captured by the Federal troops, but were subsequently retaken by the Confederates and the Federal forces repulsed.

THE MILITARY DEAD-LIST. The National Intelligence has been lengthened up "The Military Dead-List" concludes thus: "The loss of our brave soldiers in the battle of the Peninsula, and the loss of our brave soldiers in the battle of the Peninsula, and the loss of our brave soldiers in the battle of the Peninsula."

CONDEMNED BY REPUBLICAN TESTIMONY.

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