

A single glance at these resolutions cannot fail to discover that they are entirely different in their character. The one in favour of the Eagle Artillerists, authorizes Captain Snide, or his successors to make a requisition "for such arms, implements and equipments as are necessary for an artillery Company", and it is made the duty of the Adjutant General to deliver to Captain Snide, or to his successors, "such arms, implements, and equipments as he or they may, from time to time, demand". Thus in fact is the Adjutant General directed by the resolution, - not to furnish such arms, implements and equipments as may be necessary for the Eagle Artillerists, but such as are necessary "for an artillery Company"; and he is directed moreover, to furnish them to Captain Snide, or to his successors, "as he or they may, from time to time demand" them.

If the Legislature acted unwisely in the passage of this resolution, and without proper information, it is their error; but it is however by no means within the power of either the Governor, or of the Adjutant General, to annul the resolves of the General Assembly. They are Executive officers, and as such, have nothing to do with the making of the Laws; all they have to do with them is, to see that they are faithfully executed.

It will be seen by a copy of a letter, (which I enclose,) that I received to day in reply to one addressed to the Adjutant General, that he did make the requisition upon the General Government as he was directed to do by resolution No 7 of December session 1841 in favour of the Junior Artillerists.

The examination of this resolution will show that it is not expressed in Comprehensive language. It merely directs the delivery of two brass field pieces. The error is doubtless with the person who drafted it; but be this as it may, it certainly is not such as you supposed it to be, and of course does not give the direction to the Adjutant General that was desired. The only way in which this omission can be remedied is, by the action of the Legislature, and if agreeable to you and to the Junior Artillerists, it will afford me pleasure to make the proper representations of the matter to it, at its next session. I have no doubt that on a proper explanation, there would be no difficulty interposed in the way of the gratification of your wishes.

With Respect
Your Obedt Servt

Geo. T. LaGrand

Adj. General's Office
Annapolis, Sept 19th 1843.

Sir: In answer to your inquiry in reference to the action taken by the Adj. General in regard to Res. No 7 of Dec. session 1841 authorizing him to make a requisition upon the General Government for 2 brass pieces of ordnance (6 pounders), I have the honor to state that a requisition was made in obedience to said Resolution. The two Brass pieces were rec^d with 2 six pound field Carriages complete, stock &c, & sets of implements and equipments and forwarded to Captain John B. Hunt, Balco, as required by the resolution.

Very Respectfully,
I am, Sir, Yours &c &c

Hon: Geo. T. LaGrand
Lieut Colonel.

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