

tion to be required, to constitute eligibility to any office. And it being expunged from the constitution, we recommend that it be dispensed with entirely.

Congress having lately turned its attention to the organization and discipline of the militia, in a manner that induces us to look forward for the happiest results to its exertions, will cause us, at this time, to refrain from extending our remarks upon that interesting subject. The adjutant-general was enabled on the 27th day of February last, to make a return of the militia of this state to the adjutant-general of the United States, for the first time since 1811: making the whole number, according to the last previous returns to him, 40,091. This we consider, 10,000 short of the actual number of the militia of the state; and the returns of November last, are nearly as defective, although we took every step within our reach to have them full and complete.

We would suggest to the legislature the propriety of enacting some efficient provisions for enforcing the enrollment of the militia—rendered indispensibly necessary, as well for the purpose of war, as to enable us to receive our full quota of arms from the United States, under the act of congress, providing for Arming the whole body of the militia.”

The state of our financial concerns will be laid before you by the treasurer of the western shore,