

determined to send the Adjutant General to various parts of the State to try the effect of his official influence and exertions, various Returns were procured in consequence of this measure, but the business is still incomplete, and will continue to be so till the system is radically improved. By those who are best acquainted with military subjects, an Adjutant General's office upon a respectable footing, is essential. His residence ought to be at the Seat of Government, and his Emoluments adequate to a suitable maintenance. In revising the militia System this subject will no doubt receive due attention.

It is with great deference that I call your serious attention to these important measures of defence: it may be thought unbecoming in an individual to press what is so obvious to the understandings of all. I shall however rely upon the seriousness of the times, the great deficiency of all military articles, the solicitude which an high public officer may be permitted to express for the general welfare, and above all the dangerous and embarrassing imbecility as well as the utter insufficiency of the militia system for my justification.

It was early foreseen that the principles upon which our Constitution was originally founded, and the spirit of the times would have a discomposing influence on the minds of a certain species of property among us.

To these powerful and operating causes have been added, the establishment of certain self created Societies: the practices of Individuals among some religious orders of men, have also combined to hasten the fulfilment of this prediction. its effects are now in operation and daily felt, and the magnitude of the evil, calls