communicated to this Department, arising not from any disinclination to co[illegible]
in the promotion of the measure, but as we have reason to believe proceeding solely from a
adjournment of the Legislature before any communication from this Department reached them.
We have the honor further to state, that twenty five Copies of the new edition
of the Laws of the United States, printed under the direction of the Secretary of State
and the Attorney General of the United States, have been purchased and partially distributed.
It will be recollected by your honorable body, that the sum of eight thousand
dollars was placed at the disposal of the Executive, for the purpose of collecting
the public Arms, Camp Equipage and Munitions of War generally, which
had been distributed among the several Regiments during the late War.
This measure was recommended by the Executive to the last General As-
sembly, with a view to prevent emigrants to the Western States and Territories
from carrying the public Arms out of the State. It is to be lamented that this
Resolution cannot be carried into effect, as fully and effectually as could
be wished, owing to the want of system and discipline in the Militia of the State,
arising as well from the resignations of Militia officers, as from the defects in the System itself.
Your honorable body are well aware, that by the Law of the United States,
and the rules of the War Department, it is required of the Adjutant Gen-
erals of the respective States, that they make an annual return of the Militia
of their State to the Inspector and Adjutant General of the United States. As
no provision by Law now exists, by which this object can be attained, we feel it
our duty to recommend to your honorable body the enactment of a law upon the
subject, making it the duty of the Major Generals commanding Divisions, to
make a return annually to the Adjutant General, of the number of Militia
in their respective Divisions, and compelling the Brigadier Generals,
Lieutenant Colonels, Majors and Captains to make regular annual returns to
their respective immediate Military Superiors under such penalties and forfeitures
as to the wisdom of the Legislature may appear expedient and necessary.
We deem it further our duty to state to your honorable body, that the claims
and vouchers against the United States for Military expenditures have been
fully audited and are now in a condition of preparation, and will be
communicated to the General Government by the State Agent as soon as practicable,
and when those documents are [illegible] to be taken and borne will be received [illegible]
[illegible] of the General Government. The nature and [illegible] to [illegible]
during the [illegible] of [illegible] general [illegible] which may be
found [illegible] the Journal of the Senate generally.
The Governor [illegible] in appointing an Agent to collect the State claims having
been carried into effect, in the Agent appointed by the Law having accepted