

to the views of the third Auditor of the War Department, except a balance of twenty thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars and fourteen cents, which was suspended for want of such proof as he deemed necessary.

Of the sum of one hundred and thirty six thousand nine hundred and ninety five dollars namely seven and three quarter cents, expended for rations and other necessary purposes, the reimbursement of which to the state has been assumed upon the production of proper vouchers, all was allowed except the sum of eighty eight thousand six hundred and twenty seven dollars, which was suspended by the third Auditor to the Department of War, until the vouchers required should be transmitted; and the further sum of eleven thousand eight hundred and forty eight dollars and forty three cents, which was rejected as inadmissible upon principle. Since the suspension of these two sums, a letter has been received from the abovementioned officer, communicating the information, that he has audited the accounts, and that according to his report there is a balance due the state of ninety four thousand seven hundred and ten dollars and twenty one cents, which report has been laid before the second Comptroller of the Treasury for revision. The state has received on account the sum of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, and the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and sixty five dollars and twenty five cents, has been rejected as inadmissible upon principle; which item is formed in part by the sums rejected in the account for payment of the militia, and the account for the purchase of rations and other articles. Thus it appears that of the entire claim of the State against the General Government, there remains only the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred and eighty three dollars and forty six cents which has not been allowed. Entertaining a high and well merited confidence in the head of the War Department, and believing that he feels every disposition to do us ample justice, we cherish the flattering expectations that nearly all, if not the whole of our claims will ultimately be allowed. Accounts of other expenditures during the late war, have been placed in the hands of the States Agent, which he will present to the General Government for allowance and payment, so far as the payment thereof may be deemed right and proper.

To Mr Pinkney, the Clerk of this Department, much praise is due for the great industry and ability with which he has drawn light out of darkness, and extracted system from chaos, in so arranging the vouchers and proofs of some of our claims heretofore suspended as to obviate the objections of the accounting officer, and render them ultimately admissible. It was a work of great labour and difficulty on account of the confusion in which they were involved, and could only have been accomplished by unwearied perseverance, untiring efforts and a warm feeling of devotedness to the interest of the State.