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authorize him to consent to a reduction of charges for temporary objects only; but whether or not he be correct in this opinion, he does not feel justified in interfering in this instance, inasmuch as the Legislature, at its last session, had the whole subject under consideration and did not think proper to act.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Yours Very Respectfully

Wm. C. Calhoun

State Department

Annapolis, September 19th 1843.

St. Col: Henry M. Minnell,

Sir:

The great interest manifested by you respecting the action of the Adjutant General of the State in regard to the resolution of December session 1841 in favour of Captain J. B. Klunk, has induced me since my return to the seat of government, to make a full and thorough examination of all the points in question. This examination has satisfied me, and will, I am sure, you also, that you were in error in several of the statements which you made with so much confidence at our last interview.

At that time, I understood you to say, that Captain George P. Kane had not been commissioned. In this you were mistaken. On the 25th day of October 1841 he was commissioned by Governor Brason, as Captain of Eagle Artillerists, 1st Regiment Light Artillery, attached to the 1st Light Brigade.

At December session 1837, the Legislature passed resolution No 13 of which the following is a copy:

"Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Captain James C. Abode, of
" the Eagle Artillerists, of Baltimore, be authorized to make a requisition on the
" Adjutant General of Maryland for such arms, implements and equipments as
" are necessary for an Artillery Company; and that on such requisition being made,
" accompanied by the bond of the Company officers, with security, to be approved
" by the Adjutant General, it shall be the duty of the Adjutant General to deliver, as
" speedily as possible, in the city of Baltimore, to the said Captain of the Eagle Artillerists,
" or to his successors, such arms, implements and equipments as he or they may from
" time to time demand; provided, the said Company shall, at no time, be in possession
" of a greater number of arms, implements and equipments than is absolutely
" necessary for an Artillery Company."

The resolution in favour of the Junior Artillerists is in these words:

"Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Adjutant General be directed
" to make a requisition on the General Government for two brass field pieces,
" (six pounds) as a part of the State's quota of arms, for the use of the Junior Artillerists
" of the city of Baltimore, to be delivered to Captain J. B. Klunk or his
" successors, as he or they demand, by giving bond for their safe keeping
" and return when demanded."