

shall be permitted to receive from the Armoury, any number of arms that may be considered requisite, to be disposed of in their Brigades, in such manner as they may think advisable, upon their assuming the responsibility to have them kept in perfect order, and to make an annual return of their number and condition to the Adjutant General, to be by him laid before the legislature. We have been induced to offer these suggestions, from the circumstance of applications for arms having been made to the Executive, to provide for cases which were thought to require promptness of action.

The report of the Treasurer which will be made to the Legislature, presents the finances of the State to be in a far better condition than was anticipated. Upon an examination of this interesting document, it will appear, that on the 1st December 1850, there was in the Treasury the sum of fifty-four thousand one hundred and six dollars and eighty-eight cents. After deducting appropriations unexpended and chargeable to that fund, the balance at the end of the fiscal year was twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents. The Legislature will at once perceive, that without the imposition of additional burthens upon the people, the State has been enabled to perform its various engagements, support its necessary expenses, and can now present this gratifying result.

We regret our inability to forward with this communication, official reports from the Internal Improvement companies in the State. This circumstance prevents us from presenting to your view an account of the progress which has been made in these undertakings, which now excite so deep an interest among our fellow citizens.

A circular from the board of trustees of the "Rhode Island Historical Society," has just been received, and we comply with the request therein contained, to call your attention to the consideration of the plan proposed for obtaining authentic information of the early history of our country. A number of documents illustrating the transactions of that period, are said to be deposited in the public archives of Great Britain, to which access could easily be obtained. And the object of the communication is to urge the delegation in Congress from each State, to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law to provide for the copying of these documents. We are impressed with the importance of the subject, and invite your co-operation in effecting the proposed object.

A memorial to Congress from the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary Army, has been forwarded from New York, and is now placed before you. It is desired that the legislature should recommend to their Senators