

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 27, 1856. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—I respectfully recommended the following nomination for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

For Columbia County.

Auctioneer—Reuben H. Charles.

Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nomination therein made was advised and consented to.

Ordered that the same be certified to His Excellency the Governor.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, Dec. 27, 1856.

Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—The Senate has rejected House resolution for the relief of H. M. Derrick.

Very Respectfully,
S. J. PERRY, Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Gettis moved that the rule be waived to read the bill a second time by its title, upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Buffington and Penn, and were as follows :

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Braddock, Brokaw, Buffington, Campbell, Carter, Duval, Fontane, Gettis, Helvenston, Ingram, Johnston, McLeary, McQueen, Nicks, Penn, Vogt, Whitfield and Wilson—19.

Nays—Messrs. Cousins and Heermans—2.

So there was not a quorum voting.

On motion, the House adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

No. I.]

DOCUMENTS

Accompanying the Governor's Message.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, November 8th, 1856. }

To his Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:

Sir—In obedience to the requirements of law, I herewith submit my official Report upon the Finances of the State for the year ending on the 31st day of October, 1856:

The receipts at the Treasury amount to		\$94,021 98
To-wit:—From License Tax,	\$5,887 42	
“ Fines,	2,963 65	
“ Auction Tax,	494 73	
“ Revenue of 1853,	101 19	
“ “ 1854,	1,785 46	
“ “ 1855,	52,547 15	
“ “ 1856,	10,242 36	
On account of Contingent Fund,	2,000 00—	76,021 98
From loan from School Fund,	12,500 00	
“ “ “ Seminary Fund,	5,500 00—	18,000 00
		—
		\$94,021 98

The Warrants issued amount to		76,430 01
To-wit:— <i>Judicial Department</i> —		
On account of salaries,	\$17,600 00	
“ “ “ Cont'g't Exp's of Supreme Court,	2,808 77—	20,409 77
<i>Executive Department</i> —		
On account of salaries,	6,982 00	
“ “ “ Governor's Residence,	500 00—	7,482 50
<i>Military Department</i> —		
On account of salaries,	287 50	
“ “ “ Rent of Armory,	250 00—	537 50
On account of Contingent expenses,	2,849 36	
do Cont'g Fund, by Gov. for Indian War,	3,000 00—	5,849 36
do Criminal Prosecutions,	10,862 53	
do Jurors and Witnesses,	15,056 73	

do	Lands bought in for the State,	93 36	
do	Post Mortem Examinations,	607 50	
do	Indian Hostilities,	2,591 84	
do	Expenses of State Boundry Line,	500,00	
do	Seventh General Assembly,	34 00	
do	“ “ “ Adjourned Session—		
	For pay of members, clerks &c.,	8,127 60	
	“ printing slips, &c.,	1,206 64	
	“ contingent expenses,	117 26	
	“ copying laws,	75 00	
	“ printing “	1,299 69—	10,826 19
On account of	Census of 1855,		698 38
do	Repairs of Capitol,		630 75
do	Expenses of Collecting Land Bonds,		200 00
do	Taxes refunded,	51 10—	\$76,430 01

SCHOOL AND SEMINARY FUNDS.

The following are the receipts—

On account of	School Funds,	\$20,631 79	
do	Seminary do	7,937 25	
do	Interest of School do	7,498 84	
do	“ Seminary do	4,570 87—	\$40,638 75

The following are the Warrants drawn—

Upon	School Fund, for loan to State,	19,005 00		
	“ Register's sal.,	700 00—	19,705 00	
“	Seminary do	“ loan to State,	7,800 00	
	“ Register's sal.,	700 00—	8,500 00	
“	Int. of School do	“ pay of Teachers,	2,885 63	
“	do Seminary do	“ East Fla. State Seminary,	2,107 00—	\$33,197 63

The above shows an excess of expenditures over the receipts, independent of loans from School and Seminary Funds, of four hundred and eight 03-100 dollars (\$408 03-100.) This is the result, not of an increase of the expenses of the State Government, (for the report of last year shows the expenditures to have been greater by eight thousand nine hundred and thirty-five 18-100 dollars (\$8,935 18-100) than those of this year,) but of a very general failure of the Collectors of the Revenues to make their settlements as prescribed by law. On the 4th day of March last I furnished to the several State Solicitors, accounts, (with copies of Bonds,) of defaulting Tax Collectors and Sheriffs, to the amount, in the aggregate, of twenty-one thousand and seventy-one 84-100 dollars (\$21,071 84-100) with directions to institute legal proceedings. Of this sum there has come into the Treasury only four thousand nine hundred and nineteen 97-100 dollars (\$4,919 97-100.) In some of the counties the So-

licitors have failed to institute legal proceedings and in consequence of the failure to prosecute vigorously, there remains uncollected, sixteen thousand one hundred and fifty one 87-100 dollars. I respectfully suggest to your Excellency the recommendation of an Act requiring Solicitors to enter into Bond for a faithful discharge of duties, with a sufficient penalty annexed, particularly in view of the fact that in certain contingencies large sums of the State's Revenue come into their hands.

The law fixes the fourth Monday in November as a day for the final settlement of the Collectors of the Revenue, and they for the most part withhold from the State all moneys in their hands, even those collected months before, until that period. And in some instances complaint has been made that some of the Collectors of the moneys of the State have converted the same to their own use in speculations, loans, and otherwise. An Act expressly requiring Tax Collectors to pay into or remit to the Treasury all monies collected on the first day of October, (which I think is the intention of the law new in force, for that law presuming the tax payable on or before the first day of October, requires levies to be made for all sums not then paid,) reserving the fourth Monday in November still as a day for final settlement of taxes realized from sales of personal property, additional taxes, &c., and making it an indictable offence for any Tax Collector or Sheriff to convert to their own use the funds of the State, would remedy these evils.

The increase of Revenue under the ad valorem system, adopted by the last General Assembly, over the Revenue of last year, is in gross twenty-nine thousand six hundred and twenty-one 04-100 dollars (\$29,621 04-100,) the nett amount of Revenue of this year being by estimation, ninety thousand eight hundred and eight 27-100 dollars (\$90,808 27-100;) to which add probable nett amount from License Tax, Fines and Auction Tax ten thousand dollars (\$100 00,) which will make the whole nett amount of income of the State, one hundred thousand eight hundred and eight 27-100 dollars (\$100,808 27-100.) The present ad valorem Act needs some amendment. I have frequently been enquired of as to the duties of a Tax Assessor in estimating the value of property not returned. In such instances and in cases where a Tax Assessor entertains a reasonable doubt about the correctness of a return, I would suggest that three competent persons be called in as arbitrators, in the latter case, two to be chosen respectively by the Assessor and the person making the return, and the third by the two selected, who shall make the valuation. Also that the tax payer, besides making a valuation, classify his or her property—in slaves, the number—in lands, the number of acres and rates, &c.

The pay of jurors and witnesses is increasing annually and consti-

tutes the largest item of expenditure. This item could be diminished, I suggest, by requiring all State cases to be tried at the first term of the Court, except where the defendant shows sufficient cause for a continuance.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
T. W. BREVARD,
 Comptroller.

Comparative view of Revenues 1855 and 1856.

	REVENUE '56.	REVENUE '55.
Escambia,	3,295 53	2,567 61
Santa Rosa,	2,881 24	1,572 16
Walton,	873 85	485 18
Holmes,	360 10	225 86
Washington,	1,138 01	633 09
Jackson,	8,836 80	5,025 80
Calhoun,	940 73	
Franklin,	2,991 04	5,188 77
Gadsden,	7,788 17	6,178 04
Liberty,	878 08	
Leon,	14,257 45	9,135 17
Wakulla,	2,488 32	2,437 35
Jefferson,	8,584 13	5,223 38
Madison,	7,218 71	3,929 09
Hamilton,	2,415 89	1,326 56
Columbia,	4,835 63	2,874 69
Alachua,	6,223 34	
Duval,	4,178 71	3,966 57
Nassau,	1,232 45	1,088 10
St. Johns,	1,504 20	1,622 82
Pulnam,	1,462 83	1,452 80
Marion,	5,163 33	3,060 38
Sumpter,		382 50
Orange,	288 69	428 08
Volusia,	734 02	598 48
Levy,	708 38	288 15
Hillsborough and Manatee,	1,830 01	1,355 97
Hernando,	1,770 88	1,023 37
Monroe	1,921 75	1,315 19
	\$96,808 27	\$63,887 76

Add probable additional list over and above insolvencies, &c., 1,000 00

Less probable amount for commissions to Collectors, 7,000 00

Nett Revenue, \$90,808 27

Estimating the Revenue of Calhoun County for 1855 and Sumpter County for 1856, (both not returned,) as an offset, and that of Alachua for 1855 at the amount of the year 1854, (\$3,299 47,) the increase of Revenue 1856 over 1855, (gross,) will be \$29,621 04.

T. W. BREVARD,
 Comptroller.

No. II.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
 TALLAHASSEE, November 1, 1856. }

To the General Assembly of the State of Florida:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the requisitions of the Law, relative to the duties of this Office, I have the honor herewith to submit my Report of the transactions at the Treasury, for the period of, from November 1st, 1855, to October 31, 1856. Also reports of the School and Seminary Funds, for same period.

Very Resp't, your obt. servt,
C. H. AUSTIN,
 Treasurer.

The Treasurer in account with the State of Florida.

1856.	DR.		
Nov. 1	To balance pr. Report of Nov. 1, 1855		\$ 304 50
	" amount received on revenue, 1853,	101 19	
	" " " " " 1854,	1,785 46	
	" " " " " 1855,	52,547 15	
	" " " " " 1856,	10,242 36	
	" " " " Licenses,		\$ 64,676 16
	" " " " Fines,		5,887 42
	" " " " Auction Tax		2,963 65
Mch. 4.	" " " " loan from School Fund,	12,500 00	494 75
	" " " " Seminary "	5,500 00	
	Act. 128 of 1855.		18,000 00
			\$92,326 48

		CR.	
Nov. 1.	By amount of Comptrollers warrants paid under the following heads of appropriations, viz: Jurors and State Witnesses, Criminal Prosecutions and contingent expenses of Circuit Courts, Executive Department, Judicial Department, Military Department, Adjourned Session of General Assembly, Contingent expenses of Supreme Court, Contingent Fund, Less received from Gov. Broome, Indian hostilities, Seventh General Assembly, Census of 1855, Post Mortem examinations, State Boundary, Lands bought in for Taxes, Repairs of Capitol, Taxes refunded,	15,220 25	
		11,560 88	
		8,682 00	
		13,700 00	
		537 50	
		10,826 19	
		1,870 21	
		5,842 37	
		2,000 00	3,842 37
		2,686 28	
		34 00	
		2,608 43	
		467 00	
		500 00	
		93 36	
		630 72	
		50 10	
		\$73,311 29	
Mch. 4.	By amt. paid School Fund, on ac't loan Act. 128 of 1855,	4,333 00	
	“ “ “ Seminary “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	534 00	
	“ “ “ Internal Imp. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	3,133 00	
	“ Treasury certificates redeemed,	4,477 63	
	“ Cash balance,	6,537 56	
		\$92,326 45	

The Treasurer in account with the School Fund.

		DR.	
Nov. 1.	To balance Report Nov. 1, 1855, viz:	\$46,240 84	
	Loan and interest to State of Florida,	3,300 00	
	“ to City of Tallahassee,	3,000 00	
	“ “ County of Putnam,	1,987 50	
	“ “ “ “ Wakulla,	300 00	\$54,328 34
	“ “ Contingent Fund,	532 86	
	Land Bonds,	12,768 44	13,301 30
	Cash,	\$68,129 64	
Jan. 3	To loan to Contingent Fund received,	300 00	
Mch. 4	“ received on loans to State of Florida,	4,333 00	
May. 24	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	662 50	
June 26	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1,691 43	
Sept. 2	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	66 39	
	“ “ for land redeemed,	5,411 27	
	“ “ pr. D. S. Walker, Register,		
	from Nov. 5th, 1855, to Oct. 6th, 1856,	3,165 84	
	account Land Sales,		
	“ “ interest collected,		

		CR.	
	less amt. disbursed to the Counties for School Teachers,	2,890 03	275 81
			\$80,870 04

		CR.	
1855.	Dec. 22th, By am't. paid taking Census of Children;		\$51 90
1856.	Jan. 3. “ “ D. S. Walker, Register ac't. salary,		175 00
	“ “ expenses collecting land bonds &c.,		100 00
	Mar. 4. “ loan to State of Fla, Act 128 of 1855,		12,500 00
	“ paid warrant favor J. McCormick,		36 00
	“ 31. “ loan to State of Fla., Act 76, ch. 555,		
	S. 7, on account of Indian Hostilities,		5,000 00
	Apr. 7. “ paid D. S. Walker, Reg. on ac't sal'y,		175 00
	May 10 “ loan to State of Fla. Act 76 ch. 555,		
	S. 7, on account Indian Hostilities,		505 00
	June 27 “ loan to State of Fla, Act 76 ch. 555.		
	S. 7, on account of Indian Hostilities,		1,000 00
	July 1, “ pd. D. S. Walker, Reg. on ac't. sal'y.		175 00
	Oct. 31 “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		175 00
	“ balance, viz:		
	Loans and interest,	54,828 34	
	Land Bonds \$532 86		
	Less collected 198 64	334 22	
	Cash on hand	5,814 58	60,977 14
			\$30,870 04

		DR.	
To balance brought down, viz:			
Loans & int's. to State of Fla. \$46,240 84			
	Less payment March 4th,	4,333 00	\$41,907 84
	Loan of March 4th, 1856,		12,500 00
	“ “ “ 31st, “		5,000 00
	“ “ May 10th, “		595 00
	“ “ June 27th, “		1,000 00
	“ to Gadsden County,		5,763 28
	Less payment July 26th,		1,691 43
	“ to Wakulla County,		1,987 50
	Less payment May 24th,		662 50
	“ to City of Tallahassee,		3,300 00
	“ “ County of Putnam,		3,000 00
	Land Bonds,		334 22
	Cash on hand,		5,814 58
	Add State st'k. belonging to the Fund, \$41,500 00		\$78,758 59

The Treasurer in account with the Seminary Fund.

		DR.	
1856.	Nov. 1. To balance report Nov. 1, 1855, viz:		
	“ loan and interest to State,	\$5,346 87	
	“ South Carolina Bond,	1,492 46	
	“ Loan to Marion County,	2,000 00	8,839 32
	Land Bonds,	927 25	
	Cash,	5,921 82	6,849 07
			\$15,688 39

	" amt. rec'd. from D. S. Walker, Reg., from Nov. 5, 1855, to Oct. 6, 1856, on ac't. land sales and collections,	2,437 25	
Mar. 4.	" amount received from State of Florida, on account loans,	534 50	
	" amount interest collected,	3,190 00	
	Less am't. disbursed to East Florida Seminary,	2,107 00—	1,083 00
			\$19,742 64
CR.			
1856.			
Jan. 3.	By am't. pd. D. S. Walker, Reg. ac't salary,	\$175 00	
" 22.	" " exp's collecting land Bonds &c.	100 00	
Mar. 4.	" loan to State of Florida, Act 128 of 1855,	5,500 00	
Apr. 7.	" pd. D. S. Walker, Reg. ac't salary,	175 00	
Jun. 27	" Loan to State of Florida, Act 76 ch. 553, S. 7, on ac't Indian Hostilities,	2,300 00	
Jly 26.	To pd. D. S. Walker, Reg. ac't salary,	175 00	
Oct 30.	" " " " " "	175 00	
	" balance, viz;		
	Loans &c.,	8,839 32	
	Land Bonds,	666 57	
	Cash on hand,	1,636 75—	11,142 64
			\$19,742 64
	To balance, viz:		
	" Loan and interest to State,	\$5,346 87	
	Less payment, March 4th,	534 00—	\$4,812 87
	Loan to State, " "	5,300 00	
	" " " June 27th,	2,300 00	
			\$12,612 87
	Loan to Marion County,	2,000 00	
	" " Duval "	1,000 00	
	South Carolina Bond,	1,492 45	
	Land Bonds,	666 57	
	Cash on hand,	2,303 32—	\$20,075 21
	State Stocks,		48,500 00
			\$68,575 21

*A Summary of the Receipts and payments at the Treasury, from the
1st day of November 1855, to the 31st day of October, 1856.*

RECEIPTS.

On account of the State of Florida	\$92,326 48
" " " " School Fund,	26,041 70
" " " " Seminary "	10,903 32
	\$129,271 50

PAYMENTS.

On account of the State of Florida,	\$85,788 92
" " " School Fund,	19,892 90
" " " Seminary Fund,	8,600 00
Balance, viz:	
State of Florida cash,	6,537 56

SCHOOL FUND.

Bond,	\$334 22	
Cash,	5,814 58—	6,148 80

SEMINARY FUND.

Bonds,	\$666 57	
Cash,	1,636 75—	2,303 32
		\$129,271 50

No. III.]

REPORT OF THE REGISTER

Of Public Lands and Superintendent of Common Schools.

STATE REGISTER'S OFFICE, }
NOVEMBER 1st, 1856. }

To His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of Florida :

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following Report :

SEMINARY FUND.

From October 31st, 1855, to 1st November, 1856, I have sold o lands belonging to this Fund 836 56-100 acres at an average of \$1 50½ per acre, producing in cash \$345 45-100 and 931 03-100 in bonds. Add this number of acres to the 30,209 49-100 stated as having been sold at the date of my last Report, and it appears that the whole number of acres sold belonging to the Fund since the first establishment of this Office, is 31,046 05-100, producing in cash and bonds the sum of \$65,638 39-100. The following table shows the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this report :

RECEIVED IN CASH.

From Sales of Land, being cash payments, - -	\$345 45
" " Bonds given since January 1st, 1853, - -	2,019 51
	\$2,364 96

DISBURSED.

For amt' refunded W. Chapman—error in cash payment, \$10 00	
" " paid over to the Treasurer, - - - -	2,437 25
Balance to Dr. account—excess of disbursements, above receipts, - - - -	\$2,29
	\$2,447 25—\$2,447 25
Bonds on hand yet unpaid, - - - -	\$5,171 44

SCHOOL FUND.

From the 31st October, 1855, to 1st November, 1856, I have sold of lands belonging to this Fund 4,003 41-100 acres at an average of \$1 36 per acre, producing in cash \$1,542 78-100, and in bonds \$3,898 22-100. Add this number of acres to the 18,524 04-100 stated to have been sold by me, and it appears that the whole number of acres sold belonging to this Fund, since I took charge of this Office on the 23d November, 1850, is 22,527 45-100, producing in cash and bonds the sum of \$36,035 67-100. The following table shows the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this Report :

RECEIVED IN CASH.

From Sales of Lands being cash payments, - -	\$1,542 78
" " Bonds given since January 1st, 1853, - -	3,636 20
" " Bonds given prior to January 1st, 1853, - -	271 54
	\$5,450 52

DISBURSED.

For Printing and Advertising, - - - -	\$ 18 00
" amount paid over to Treasurer, - - - -	5,411 47
Balance to credit account unexpended on account of this Fund, - - - -	21 05—\$5,450 52
Bonds on hand yet unpaid, - - - -	\$18,359 61

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The following statement shows the number of children in each county between the ages of five and eighteen years, and the amount of money I have apportioned to each County, accruing from the interest of the School Fund :

The apportionment of interest accruing on the School Fund from July 1st, 1855, to July 1st, 1856, among the several Counties of the State of Florida.

No. COUNTIES.	Number of Children.	Rate.	Dollars.	Cents.	REMARKS.
1 Escambia--	772	29.9087	230	89	
2 Santa Rosa--	923	29.9087	276	06	
3 Walton,--	559	29.9087	167	19	
4 Washington--	454	29.9087	135	79	*No report this year.
5 Jackson,--	1681	29.9087	502	76	
6 Holmes,--	434	29.9087	129	80	" " " "
7 Calhoun,--	250	29.9087	74	77	
8 Franklin,--	478	29.9087	142	96	
9 Gadsden,--	1308	29.9087	391	20	
10 Leon--	1105	29.9087	330	49	
11 Wakulla,--	448	29.9087	133	99	
12 Jefferson,--	822	29.9087	245	85	
13 Madison,--	1598	29.9087	477	94	
14 Hamilton,--	757	29.9087	226	41	
15 Columbia,--	1745	29.9087	521	91	
16 Nassau--	341	29.9087	101	99	" " " "
17 Duval,	1573	29.9087	470	46	
18 Alachua,--	900	29.9087	269	18	" " " "
19 Marion,--	929	29.9087	277	85	" " " "
20 Sumpter,--	233	29.9087	69	69	" " " "
21 St. Johns,--	452	29.9087	135	19	
22 Putnam,--	494	29.9087	147	75	
23 Levy,--	246	29.9087	73	58	
24 Orange,--	124	29.9087	37	09	
25 Volusia,--	0				No report.
26 Hernando,--	269	29.9087	80	45	*No report this year.
27 Hillsborough,--	727	29.9087	217	44	
28 Brevard,--	100	29.9087	29	91	" " " "
29 Manatee,--	0				No report.
30 Dade,--	0				" "
31 Monroe,--	539	29.9087	161	21	
32 Liberty,--	0				" "
Total No. Chil.	20261		6059	80	Total School Interest

*In cases of the Counties that made "no report this year" the number of children is taken from their report made to this Office last year.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

From the 31st October, 1855, to November 1st, 1856, I have sold of lands belonging to this Fund 4,490 46-100 acres at an average price of \$1 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ -100 per acre, producing in cash \$2,330 79-100 and \$5,687 63-100 in bonds. Add this number of acres to the 142,793 60-100 stated as having been sold at the date of my last Report, and it appears that 147,284 06-100 is the whole number of acres belonging to this original Fund that have been sold since the establishment of this Office, producing in cash and bonds the sum of \$252,586 35-100.

I have sold of the Swamp Lands which were brought into market on the 23d January, 1856, 36,338 53-100 acres at \$1 25-100 per acre, producing in cash \$15,326 98-100 and \$33,052 43-100 in bonds.

The following table shows the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this Report:

RECEIVED IN CASH.

From sales of lands being cash payments, - - -	\$17,657 77
" Bonds given since January 1st, 1853, - - -	19,516 01
	<u>\$37,173 78</u>

DISBURSED.

For appraising lands, - - - - -	\$ 10 00
" amount paid over to Treasurer, - - - - -	37,142 10
Balance to credit account, unexpended on account of this Fund, - - - - -	21 68
Bonds on hand yet unpaid, - - - - -	\$88,715 01
	<u>\$37,173 78</u>

The whole number of acres of Swamp Land selected and reported to Washington for confirmation is 11,339,582 00. The number of acres confirmed is 9,581,609 00. Patents have been received for 5,604,158 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance to credit cash account at the date of last report.—See Ledger, - - - - -	\$2,812 66
Am't cash rec'd on account Seminary Fund, - - -	2,364 96
" " " " " School " - - -	5,450 52
" " " " " Internal Improvement Fund, 37,173 78	
	<u>\$47,801 92</u>

DISBURSED.

Cash expended on account of Seminary Fund; - - -	\$2,447 25
" " " " " School " - - -	5,429 47
" " " " " Int. Imp't. " - - -	37,152 10
	<u>\$45,028 82</u>

Balance to credit cash account, unexpended, \$2,773 10

Respectfully,

D. S. WALKER,
Register, &c.

No. IV.]

REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, November 8, 1856. }

His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of Florida:

SIR:—By the Act of July twenty third, eighteen hundred and forty-five, the Attorney General is required "to report as to the effect and operation of the acts of the last previous session, and the decision of the Courts thereon, referring to the previous legislation on the subject, with such suggestions, as in his opinion the public interest may demand."

Under this provision of the law, the Attorney General is necessarily limited to a reference to but few of the laws of the last session, inasmuch as most of them are of a special and local character, and others are of a nature not to bring them under early judicial investigation, nor do their effects and operation come to the knowledge of the Attorney General.

The Act in relation to Evidence, approved Dec. 29, 1854, making as it did, an important change in the law governing book accounts as evidence, was soon brought to the notice of the Courts for construction. I believe in all cases the Courts have ruled that before books of account are admitted as evidence, proof must be made that they are the books of original entries so as to satisfy the requirement of the statute. The Supreme Court has decided that the act is not confined to the books of merchants, but extends to either party in all suits and actions, whether merchants or not. The effect and operation of this law so far as it applies to the books of merchants, and of all others who are presumed to keep regular daily entries of their transactions, will it is believed, be beneficial, and no amendment is necessary, either to secure the object they intended or to give efficacy to its provisions. But I am not prepared to say at this time whether any or what mischief may result from its extended operation to books of all other classes of persons, or whether it will also be beneficial in such extended operation. Time alone must determine this.

A question was made by several citizens as to the constitutionality of the 22d section of the act of the Legislature to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855, by which the Counties are authorized to subscribe for stock in the Rail Road Companies mentioned in that

act, and to impose and collect taxes for the payment of the stock so subscribed for. The Supreme Court on appeal from a decision of the Judge of the Middle Circuit sustaining the right authorized to be exercised by the Counties, in a cause in which the question was directly presented, decided the act to be constitutional in all its parts, and affirmed the decision made by the Circuit Judge. The opinion of the Court in which the question is fully discussed will be found at page 612 of the Reports for 1856.

I would respectfully call the attention of the General Assembly to the act passed at the adjourned session in 1855, organizing the County of Liberty, as being imperfect and needing amendment. By inadvertence no provision was inserted in the act attaching the new County to any of the Judicial Circuits in the State, owing to which omission I am informed the Judge of the Middle Circuit has not felt himself authorized to perform any official act within its limits. To meet this difficulty, it is necessary that Legislative action should be had.

With regard to the suit instituted to determine the question of boundary between Georgia and Florida, I can have nothing to add to the information which your Excellency will doubtless furnish to the General Assembly, and I forbear to enter into any relation of the facts, circumstances and present attitude of the question, because your Excellency is better informed and better qualified to communicate them to the Legislature.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,
M. D. PAPY.

No. V.]

REPORT OF STATE ENGINEER.

BUENA VISTA, ORANGE MILL P. O., Fla., }
October 10th, 1856. }

To His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:

SIR: In compliance with the second section of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Florida, passed the 8th of January, 1853, creating the office of State Engineer and Geologist, requiring him "to report biennially to the Governor his proceedings, to be laid before the General Assembly," I have now the honor to submit the following report:

The original Act creating the office of State Engineer (see 2nd section, chapter 496, Laws of Florida 1852 and '53,) requires "the State Engineer to examine and survey the swamp and overflowed lands of the State, for the purpose of their reclamation, and make the necessary maps, plats and estimates for said work, to be laid before the General Assembly for their action, and to examine and report on all works of internal improvement and such other works as shall be assigned him by the Governor." These are very comprehensive duties, and important to the State. But it will be perceived that the General Assembly made no appropriation to enable the State Engineer to carry these duties into effect. Again, the act creating the Board of Internal Improvement, passed the 10th January, 1853, (see Laws of Florida 1852 and '53, chapter 498, section first and second,) it is provided, "That the Engineer, with the two Commissioners from each District, shall be a competent Board to determine upon and recommend plans for the reclamation of swamp lands, and to appraise the value of said lands either before or after reclamation of said lands, as may by them be deemed most advisable, in the respective Districts in which said lands may be situated; and they shall also be competent to determine and recommend plans for local works of internal improvement, to be laid before the General Assembly for its action."

Now, sir, during the operation of these acts these lands had not been designated for the State, and therefore neither the State Engineer nor the Board of Internal Improvement had anything to act on, so far as they were concerned.

At the session of the General Assembly of 1854 and '55, an Act "to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State" was passed, consolidating the internal improvement and swamp and overflowed lands into an Internal Improvement Fund and investing their exclusive control and management in a Board of Trustees, thereby taking them entirely out of the influence or operation of the Internal Improvement Board or State Engineer, except so far, the undersigned believed, as the Board of Trustees might require the service of the State Engineer. By the same Internal Improvement Act certain duties were required of the State Engineer in reference to the lines of railroad designated by said act, such as requiring "the State Engineer to inspect and certify from time to time as he might be called on, and, as the lines of road might progress, as to the manner of their construction." These and other duties specified in said act were considered at the time important to secure and protect the interest of the State in the Internal Improvement Fund, by having the certificate of a sworn officer of the State as a security for the endorsement of the bonds of the companies by the Trustees. These duties of the State Engineer have, by an act amending the Internal Improvement Law of 1855, passed

at the extra session of the General Assembly 1855 and '56, authorized the different companies to avail themselves of the service of any Civil Engineer to inspect their roads as they progress, and his certificate is to be sufficient for the Trustees to endorse the company bonds. Under this condition of the duties of the State Engineer, my report will necessarily be confined to what has actually been done by me since my last annual report.

By virtue of the 17th section of the Internal Improvement Act, (see Laws of Florida 1854 and '55, chapter 610,) on the 20th of August, 1855, I completed a final location, with plans and estimates, for the canal to connect the St. Johns with Indian River, and issued public notice calling for bids for the execution of the work. On the 20th of August, 1856, I had received numerous inquiries from all portions of the country, and from large and responsible contractors, and also several bids for the performance of the work, but all so far exceeding the amount authorized by the General Assembly as to forbid further action by the undersigned on the subject. The only definite bid received was the following, from W. Milnor Roberts, to wit:

"I propose as follows, in behalf of myself and others, (parties to be entirely acceptable to the State Engineer,) to construct and complete said canal, under his direction, and to receive in consideration therefor, on terms to be arranged hereafter between said Engineer and the contracting parties, at the rate of two six mile square sections of land for each mile in length of said canal.

Signed,

W. MILNOR ROBERTS,
For Roberts & Co."

The General Assembly, in recognizing this canal as a part of the State system of internal improvement which was to benefit the Eastern and Southern portion of the State, and do for them what the system of railroads, when completed, would do for the balance of the State, (to wit: furnish easy and convenient facilities for intercourse and reaching good markets for their produce,) at the same time placed such restrictions on the meagre amount proposed to be paid for the execution of the work as to leave but a faint hope that the work would ever be undertaken, thereby entirely excluding the Eastern and Southern portions of the Peninsular from all participation in the benefits from a proper disposition of the fund arising from the sale of the internal improvement and swamp lands. This should not be, and is unjust to this portion of our State and people as well as to the railroads. Out of the 12 or 14 millions of acres of lands donated to the State, there is from three to four millions of acres lying South of the proposed line of this canal that is now and will remain entirely shut out from any convenient access to any market. More especially is that the case with all such as are adjacent to the Atlantic coast. This canal is proposed to connect, through a distance of thirteen miles, two of the most beautiful rivers in America—the St.

Johns and Indian Rivers; the former now navigable for steamers for two hundred and fifty miles, and the latter one hundred and fifty, making a secure inland water navigation along our Eastern coast of four hundred miles. This connexion is absolutely essential for the settlement and development of the resources of that portion of our State. I further contend, that it is the interest of those connected with our railroad system that this work should be accomplished, and at the earliest possible moment, and at any reasonable cost—otherwise these three or four millions of acres of land (a portion of the basis of their and the State's credit) will remain there locked up for all time, totally valueless to them or the State. Make this improvement, and they will at once come into market and bring to the Internal Improvement Fund at least an average of one dollar per acre. Suppose the State should give one-sixth of these lands to responsible parties to make this improvement, and thereby render the balance available, will any man say that it would not be good policy? I do, therefore, respectfully urge, as an act of justice to this portion of our State and the whole State, as well as those interested in the railroads, that some action be taken by the General Assembly, or the Board of Trustees, authorizing the closing a contract, either with the company named above or any other responsible parties, for the speedy execution of the work. The above bid should not be considered exorbitant, when we reflect on the present value of these lands, and with the further facts before us that Congress, at its last session, granted to the State of Iowa the alternate sections of public lands to the railroads in that State and at once raised the price of the remaining sections to two dollars and fifty cents, thereby in effect doubling the quantity of land granted, (and this before the roads were built.)

The only other duty performed by the State Engineer since the date of his last report has been the inspection, at three different times, of work done on the Florida Railroad, to wit: On the 2nd of February, 1856, when over one-third of the bridges and structures necessary to cross the road from Amelia Island to the west bank of Nassau river had been done; again, on the twenty-second of March, when I was required to make an additional inspection of the above bridges and structures, when four-fifths of the work were done and ten continuous miles of road-bed graded; and again, on the 13th of August, when the whole of the bridges and structures were completed and twenty continuous miles of road-bed graded. This line of road is progressing finely, having at this date the rise of thirty miles graded, the iron for fifty miles engaged, most of which has been received, and they have a party now engaged in laying down the track, on some four miles of which they are now running their engine, carrying iron as it is required. Unless some unforeseen revulsion should happen in the money market, I can see no reason to

doubt that this line of road will be finished and in operation within the time specified in their contract—three years.

As to the remaining lines of road, my services not having been called for, I have no personal knowledge of their progress.

Which is respectfully submitted by

Your ob't servant,

F. L. DANCY,

State Engineer and Geologist.

No. VI.]

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

REPORT OF CAPT. F. M. DURRANCE.

FORT FRAZIER, FLORIDA,
10 A. M., June the 14th, 1856. }

GEN'L. CARTER—Sir :—I have just received intelligence of an attack by a party of Indians, on the house of Willoughby Tillis, at sunrise this morning. Lieut. Carlton, who happened to be at Ft. Meade, on a visit to his family, heard the report of the guns, and, in company with six others, went to the relief of Tillis and his family. On the approach of those men, the Indians fled to a thicket near by. Lieut. Carlton, with his little band of brave men, charged them, and a desperate engagement ensued. Lieut. Carlton and Lott Whidden, of my Company, were killed, and Daniel Carlton wounded. William Parker, of Capt. Hooker's Company was also killed, and J. H. Hollingsworth wounded. There were three Indians killed, and several wounded.

Immediately dispatched Serg'ts Boggess and Durrance, with fifteen men to the relief of Tillis, who had maintained his position so far; they arrived at Tillis' half after 12 o'clock; found the family safe; they proceeded to the battle-ground; found the trail—pursued it that evening; discovered that the Indians had re-inforced considerably, they then came in to Ft. Meade for provisions—they were on the trail early next morning and were re-inforced by a few men from Capt. Hooker, and a few from Capt. Leslie's Companies.—The Indians had taken the Creek Swamps, and remained in it. The

men pursued them until late that evening; came out of the Swamp and encamped for the night.

June 16.—As a small guard was left with the horses, the force was now reduced to 19 men, who were early in the swamp in search of the enemy. At about 10 o'clock, a camp was discovered; a charge was ordered, and a well contested battle fought. Our little band stood to their arms, manfully, charging the Indians where they were concealed under the river bank and shooting them not more than 8 or 10 feet from the muzzles of their guns.

Robert F. Prine, and George Howell killed, and James Whidden, Wm. P. Brooker, and John L. Skipper, wounded, and from the best calculation that can be made, there were sixteen or seventeen Indians killed, and several wounded.

Our forces consisted of Lieut. Parker of Captain Leslie's Company, Sergeants Boggess and Durrance, with twelve men, from my Company, three men from Capt. Hooker's and one from Capt. Sparkman's Companies. My men spoke in high terms of Lieut. Parker, as a brave and good soldier.

Some of the articles taken from the wagons at Simmon's Hammock, were found on the battle-ground. Capt. Hooker, with 23 men, Lieut. Kendrick, with 25 men, Lieut. Sparkman, with 14 men, and Lieut. Parker, with a small detachment from Capt. Leslie's Company, are now in pursuit of this band of savages. I am in hopes they will be able to give a good account when they return.

I am yours respect'y.,

F. M. DURRANCE,

Capt. Com'g. Co. M. V.

Gen'l. Jessee Carter, Special Agent, State of Florida.

P. S.—This band was supposed to consist of at least forty Indians.
F. M. D.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 15, 1856.

SIR :—Since my arrival in this City, I have conferred fully with you in regard to our Indian disturbances in Florida, and I have deemed it best before leaving to invite a written communication from your department upon the subject. Its importance to the people of Florida makes it very desirable that there should be no ground for misapprehension, and I therefore respectfully ask for such information as you may deem proper to communicate concerning the policy and purposes of the Government in regard to the removal of the Indians remaining in the State—the character of the means re-

lied on for the purpose, and the extent to which they have been and will be applied.

With great respect,

I am your ob't. serv't.,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
City of Washington, April 15, 1856. }

SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date asking for such information as I may deem proper to communicate "concerning the policy and purposes of the Government in regard to the removal of the Indians remaining in" Florida—"the character of the means relied on for the purpose, and the extent to which they have been and will be applied."

The policy of the General Government is, the removal of the Indians from Florida at the earliest practicable period, in accordance with its recognized obligations. For this purpose, as soon as the matter was placed under the charge of this Department, the emigrating Agent was directed to endeavor to re-open communication and restore confidence with the Indians. In connection with the policy, the base line of military operations was advanced some distance beyond the line of frontier settlements, Roads leading to the region occupied by the Indians were constructed, and extensive explorations were made by land and water, of the hitherto unknown interior of the Big Cyprus and the Everglades. All trade with the Indians was prohibited and the best practicable measures were adopted to enforce the prohibition. Looking forward to the possible failure of success in moving the Indians by persuasion, boats were accumulated in Florida in sufficient numbers, and are now ready for any service, to aid in the exploration of the Islands and swamps to which the Indians are accustomed to resort, and to impress them with a sense of our ability to pursue and overtake them in their haunts.—They, no doubt perceiving that the accurate knowledge of those haunts which the troops were rapidly acquiring, and the contracted line of military posts which surrounded them, must inevitably reduce them to a compliance with the demand of the Government for their removal, and perhaps actuated by other reasons, suddenly changed their line of conduct and commenced hostilities by attacking an exploring party under the command of Lieutenant Hartsuff.

Despairing of any success from further attempts to induce the Indians to emigrate voluntarily, orders were given early in January, to the commanding officer and officer in charge of emigration in Florida, to rely in future upon force as the only means by which the object can be effected and to pursue it vigorously. To this end the

number of regular troops was increased to 780 officers and men, and measures were taken to commence active operations against the Indians, which as you are aware, were impeded by the section of country occupied by them being soon afterwards to a great extent covered by water. At the same time, directions were given to the commanding officer in Florida to receive into the service of the U. S. five companies of Volunteers, three mounted and two foot. The mounted companies have been received, and form a part of the seven companies already in the service of the State. The foot companies were intended to be composed of experienced woodsmen and boatmen to act in the Big Cypress. At the date of last information, March 12, 1856, only thirty-one men had been received in these companies, but they were authorized to be retained as a detachment, even though a greater number should not offer. The three mounted companies were, upon the recommendation of the officer commanding, taken into service for the better security of the frontier settlements, and for the purpose of giving intelligence to the advanced line of military posts when any marauding parties of Indians might pass that line in the direction of the settlements.

In addition to this, to induce men to engage in capturing Indians alive, the officer in charge of emigration was authorized, under certain limitations, to pay rewards for Indians delivered to him for emigration. These rewards were on a scale embracing men, women and boys over ten years old, and it was hoped they would be promotive of humanity as well as of the early removal of the Indians from Florida.

Should it hereafter be found necessary to employ a greater number of Volunteer militia, the Commanding officer in Florida will be authorized to receive into the service of the U. S. such additional force as may be from time to time required. It may be proper, however, to inform you that the authority already given to receive the five companies of Volunteers, covers the whole force which that officer has reported necessary or desirable.

I can only repeat to you the assurance already given, of my earnest desire to move the remnant of the Seminoles from the State of Florida at the earliest practicable period, and of my purpose to employ within reasonable and proper limits of expenditure, such means as may be most likely to secure that result.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Ob't Serv't.,

JEFF'N. DAVIS,

Secretary of War.

His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida, City of Washington

INSTRUCTIONS TO COLONEL M. WHIT SMITH.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, June 13th, 1856. }

COL. M. WHIT SMITH:

SIR,—I have assigned you a Major's command in the service of the State, and in addition to the duties regularly embraced in such a command by the army regulations of the United States, you will be expected to perform those of Battalion Quarter Master and Commissary, together with such additional service as the Executive may from time to time require of you, whether the same be incident to your command or not. This appointment you hold at the pleasure of the Executive, and for the faithful performance of the duties assigned, or to be assigned, you will receive a Major's pay from this date. You will take immediate command of the companies of Captains Wright and Stewart, now operating against the Seminole Indians in the County of Levy, and places adjacent thereto. You will at the earliest day possible recruit four companies of footmen and receive them into the State, each Company to contain one Captain, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants, four Corporals and seventy-four Privates, which four companies, with the mounted companies of Capt's. Wright and Stewart, will comprise your command. You will garrison such posts as may be necessary for the protection of supplies, by stationing a suitable guard of foot troops at each. You will establish posts at such points as may be peculiarly exposed to attack and depredation for local protection, and with the balance of your command you will thoroughly scour the country. Beginning as far West as you have reason to believe there are Indians secreted, you will move eastward and southward, making the most thorough examination, and especially of swamps and hammocks bordering on the Suwannee River, the great Gulf Hammock and its connections. You will notify Gen. Jesse Carter, the State's Special Agent at Tampa, of your plan of operations, and avoiding all interference with, or derangement of the plan of operations suggested by him, you will as far as possible, co-operate with him, in protecting the frontier and expelling or capturing the Indians. You will cause complete muster rolls to be made, showing the date upon which each company was received into the service of the State, and when companies are filled up, or have been filled up after being mustered, note the date upon which each man or detachment is received.

You will receive no man, not fit for efficient service, and who is not properly armed, the State having no arms at command, or but few. You will see that the horses of the mounted companies are efficient and properly appraised by a board of competent and disin-

terested men, and forward such appraisement in duplicate to this office. You will cause all accounts for purchases made or to be made to be properly certified in triplicate, one copy delivered to the party holding the claim, one copy forwarded to this office, and one retained by yourself. You will bear in mind, that the best protection that can be given to our people is to capture or destroy the Indians, and will therefore, while affording such reasonable local protection as may be practicable, pursue the enemy vigorously and efficiently. I have placed in the hands of Messrs. Post & Mell, in New Orleans, two thousand dollars, (\$2000) to the credit of the State of Florida, to be invested in supplies on your order as Commissary, with instructions to insure and prepay freight on all commissary stores shipped. Of this you will please take notice, and when exhausted advise me.

Very Respectfully, &c.,

JAMES E. BROOME.

INSTRUCTIONS TO GEN. CARTER.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 4th, 1856. }

GENERAL JESSE CARTER,

Tampa, Florida.

SIR—The recent hostile demonstration on the part of the Indians remaining in this State, renders it necessary that the Executive department should have a confidential agent in the immediate vicinity of the frontier, and you are hereby appointed a special Agent of the State of Florida, without military rank, and charged with the performance of such duties as may from time to time be required of you by the Executive authority. While actually engaged in the service of the State under this appointment, you will be allowed and paid the sum of three dollars per diem and all reasonable travelling and other personal expenses, which may be necessarily incurred in the discharge of the duties assigned you.

JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of Florida.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 4th 1856. }

GEN. JESSE CARTER:

SIR—As Special Agent of this State, you are hereby required on your arrival on the frontier, to inspect the companies of Capt. W. B. Hooker, Capt. Simon L. Sparkman, Capt. F. M. Durrance, Capt.

W. H. Kendrick, Capt. Abner Johnson, and Capt. Leroy G. Lesley. You will allow to each company one Captain, one 1st. Lieut., one 2nd Lieut., four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Musicians, and seventy four Privates; and such of the above commands as conform to the above standard, and are composed of efficient men, properly mounted and equipped, you will muster into the State's service, and furnish proper muster rolls to this department; such service to continue until further orders. You will diligently enquire and ascertain upon what day each of these commands entered upon active frontier service, in suppressing Indian hostilities, since the recent attack upon Lieut. Hartsuff and his command, and the day upon which each individual of each command entered upon such service, and report the same to this department. You will tender to Brevet Col. John Munroe, U. S. A., commanding troops in Florida, the mounted companies of Capt. W. B. Hooker, Capt. Simon L. Sparkman, and Capt. Aaron Jernigan, the latter of which commands has not yet been recognized as in the frontier service by the State, and must be conformed to the standard laid down for the other companies. These companies to be mustered into the service of the United States for six months, unless sooner discharged, and are to cooperate with the United States troops in protecting the frontier, and in enforcing the removal of the Indians from the State. Should either of the above named companies be found on inspection to be inefficient, not full or not ready for active service, you will tender in the place, or places of such company, or companies, those of Capt. W. H. Kendrick, Capt. F. M. Durrance, and Capt. Abner Johnson, in the order in which their names here appear. You will ascertain whether any one or two of the companies in the service of the State, will dismount and offer themselves as foot companies; and should they do so you will tender such company or companies to Col. John Munroe as in the case of the mounted companies above authorized. Should the companies decline to dismount, then you are authorized to procure the raising of two foot companies on the frontier as soon as practicable, and tender their services to Col. Munroe in compliance with his requisition of the 20th ult.

On the companies accepted by Col. Munroe being mustered into the United States service, you will of course muster them out of the State's service. You will use your best exertions to procure from Col. Munroe the acceptance of all the Volunteers in the service of the State, and until such acceptance is procured you will if possible induce him to ration and forage the State troops. You are further authorized to tender without awaiting special additional instructions from this department such Volunteer force as may be regularly admitted into the service of the State, to the United States officer commanding on the frontier, whenever he may require additional forces.

You will report regularly to this department all your acts under this appointment, and give such information as may be of interest in reference to the progress of removal, &c.

JAMES E. BROOME.

P. S. Should an emergency arise which may require the purchase of supplies for the State troops' temporary subsistence, you will give receipts for the same and report to this department.

JAMES E. BROOME.

TAMPA, FLORIDA, August 16th, 1856.

GEN'L. JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent, Tampa, Florida:

SIR: You are required to raise and muster into the service of the State five companies of mounted men, to serve for six months from the date of muster, unless sooner discharged. These companies are designed to supply the places of those now in the State service commanded by Capts. Johnson, Kendrick, Durrance, Lesley and Lieut. Addison, and to be mustered in as they are mustered out. Each man recruited will be required to arm himself with a good double-barrelled or rifle gun, and must be well mounted. In your inspection you will be rigid. You will conform strictly to the army regulations and receive no man who is not able to render efficient service. You will receive no man as a commander who, in the late service, either as officer or private, was known to have been insubordinate, or who refused promptly to obey orders properly extended, or who failed to discharge his duty promptly and efficiently, whether such party was in the service of the State or of the United States.

In the service now to be organized, you will promptly muster out any individual, whether officer or private, who fails to render prompt obedience to orders properly extended, or who refuses to discharge his duty as a soldier. Should such action become necessary in case of a commissioned officer, his place will be supplied by an election; and, in case of a private, another will be recruited in his place.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida.

TAMPA, FLA., Aug. 26th, 1856.

GEN'L. JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent:

SIR: You will refuse peremptorily to receive any man into the service of the State, either as an officer or private, who is habitually intemperate in his habits, and you will require of each commander

the prompt discharge of any man under his command who is guilty of drunkenness to such an extent as to disqualify him to pursue efficiently and at a moment's notice any party of Indians, or to perform promptly any service required of him. You will regard the failure of any commander to carry out these instructions as good and sufficient cause for his discharge from the service of the State.

Respectfully, &c.,
JAMES E. BROOME.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE MAILS.

[COPY.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, May 20, 1856. }

SIR: I have received your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing letters from Hop. D. L. Yulee and H. L. Hart, mail contractor, and a memorial from citizens of Florida, praying that a military guard may be furnished for the protection of the mail carrier between Tampa and Fort Taylor, and, in reply, have the honor to inform you that the question will be referred to the commanding officer in Florida for such action as the means at his disposal and the interests of the service will authorize.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
JEFF'N DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*

HON. JAMES CAMPBELL, *Postmaster General.*

[COPY.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, July 16, 1856. }

SIR:—I have the honor to enclose herewith, a copy of a report from Col. John Munroe, commanding in Florida, from which it appears that if an escort be furnished to the carrier of the mail between Pilatka and Tampa, it will be necessary to employ mounted volunteers specially for that service, and thus expense will be incurred for an object not appertaining to the military service. I have therefore, to suggest that if the continuance of the escort be deemed necessary, the expense of it should be provided for by the Post Office Department.

Very respectfully,
Your obd't serv't,
JEFF'N DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*

HON. JAMES CAMPBELL, *Postmaster General.*

[ENCLOSURE.]

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, }
FORT BROOKE, July 3, 1856. }

COLONEL:—A communication from Mr. H. L. Hart, mail contractor for the conveyance of the mail between Pilatka and Tampa, addressed to the Postmaster General, together with a petition from the citizens of Tampa, asking for an escort on the exposed part of the route, was referred to me through the War Department, leaving it to me to take such measures as I deemed proper in the premises.

Knowing the necessity of a suitable mounted escort, I have furnished one; but as the detail bears heavily on the volunteers in service, I would respectfully ask that not more than twenty mounted volunteers may be mustered to be employed on this or other service, or that such other allowance may be made from the War or Post Office Department as will enable the contractor to perform with safety, the duties which he has contracted to perform.

I am, sir, respectfully,

Your obd't serv't,
JOHN MUNROE,

Major 2d Reg't Artillery, B'vt. Col. Commanding.

Col. S. COOPER,
*Adjutant General U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.*

[COPY.]

PILATKA, FLA., July 19, 1856.

HON. JAMES CAMPBELL,
Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.:

DEAR SIR: I have been to see Col. J. Munroe, for the purpose of obtaining a mounted and well-armed guard for the protection of the mails, carriers and passengers in transition on route No. 6,804, from Camp Izard to Tampa. He says he can furnish only (12) twelve men for the purpose, which will only enable me to run twice per week from Ocala to Tampa, and allow no one to guard a stand between Tampa and Fort Taylor, a distance of 38 miles; and he further says that he can't give me or my agent control of the guard.

I left Tampa in the mail stage on the night of the 6th inst., thinking it safer from the attacks of the Indians and cooler than traveling in the day. Col. Munroe furnished a guard of four (4) men—the date at which he commences to furnish a guard regularly. We waited one hour after the time set for them to be in readiness for the guard. We came out 13 miles, when they dismounted and said they could go no further that night; that they must have some sleep and their horses rest. I expostulated with them for some time, when

they remounted and came six miles further and halted. I told them that we had our time to make and would be obliged to go on, which we did, (there being five of us in the coach, including the driver and myself, well armed,) leaving them behind, and at a point and time of day when we were liable to an attack. Col. Munroe had given this guard orders to accompany us to May's, 75 miles from T. I left Mr. Tatum, my sub-contractor or agent, in Tampa, to take out a guard of 4 more men to Fort Taylor the next day. The other 4 men, to make the 12, we had the promise of in two weeks from that time. We have been doing the best we could to get the mail through for several months, all failures up to the 9th inst. being owing to not having a guard and stands on the route, and have hired a guard on two occasions on our own responsibility. But such a state of affairs cannot long hold out, as I get but a small compensation for carrying the mail, depending on passengers for a good share of the support of the line; and those passengers are cut off, from the insecurity of the route; and to run it once a week, and in the schedule time, takes the same number of horses and requires the same number of stands and expense that it would to run it twice per week, or within a few dollars of it—could do with one man and one coach less. And, under the present arrangement, the guard is of but little service to us, as they are not under my control and have notions of their own, which won't do to get a mail through in schedule time. In addition to the guard of 12 men, Col. Munroe has an express running once per week from Tampa to Ocala and back, the whole expense of which would furnish all the men I would require at present to guard the mail and stands and to enable me to run as per contract. Also the mail is very large and heavy at this time, which, in running once per week, prevents my taking the number of passengers I otherwise would, and keeping up the line.

Under the foregoing and other circumstances, I once more appeal to you for assistance, and make another proposition, &c.:

As is suggested by Col. Munroe's letter to me of the 6th inst., which I enclose, "that a civil guard be appointed," or a guard that I could control, and which would afford the necessary protection to the line, viz:

4 men to guard a stand at "Gage's," 19 miles from Tampa, (no one living on the route,) at \$20 per month,	\$80 00
4 men and horses to accompany the mail from Tampa to Fort Taylor, 38 miles, at \$35 per month,	140 00
4 men and horses from Fort Taylor to Augusta, 22 miles, at \$35 per month,	140 00
4 men and horses from Augusta to May's, 15 miles and back the same day,	140 00

4 men and horses from Camp Izard, to meet at May's, 17 miles and back the same day, 140 00
 Making 20 men and 16 horses, at a cost of \$640 per month.

For the sake of having such men as I would select, and having the control of them, I would agree to furnish the required guard for the present at (\$500) five hundred dollars per month additional pay, thereby saving the government quite a sum and accommodating the traveling community and citizens generally along the line. Col. Sumner, to enable me to run once per week, is to furnish 12 men and horses independent of his weekly express to Ocala. * *

Accompanying this is a petition signed by the postmasters along the route, to which I beg leave to call your attention.

Hoping your honor will see the justness of my claim, and will soon take the necessary steps to furnish the guard necessary for the safety and protection of the line, thereby enabling me to fulfil my contract, I remain, respectfully, your humble and ob'dt serv't,

HUBBARD L. HART, *Contractor on Route No. 6,804.*

[COPY—ENCLOSURE.]

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, }
 FORT BROOKE, July 6, 1856. }

SIR:—Having reference to a conversation held with you this morning, I would state that protection is absolutely necessary for the mail and passengers in transitu between here and Pilatka, via Ocala.

A civil guard, hired for the express purpose, would be more effective and economical than any other arrangement, inasmuch as a military escort could not be placed in the same degree under the control of your agents, nor selected with the same care which you would be able to exercise.

I wrote to the Adjutant General on the 3d instant in regard to this subject, but in more general terms than those I now employ.

I am, your ob'dt serv't,

JOHN MUNROE, *Maj. 2d Artl'y, B't Col. Command'g.*

MR. HART, *Mail Contractor.*

[COPY.]

TAMPA FLA., July 6th, 1856.

HON. JAMES CAMPBELL,

Post Master General, *Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR:—The State of Florida is at this time infested by a band of hostile Indians.

We consider the Mail Stage on Route No. 6804, from Tampa to Pilatka, in danger of being attacked by them, and that a good and efficient mounted and well armed guard should be furnished to guard the carriers and mail, and to guard stands on the route, to enable the contractor to fulfil his contract.

If a guard is furnished for the safety and security of the Mails, Carriers and Passengers, which we think should be done, it should be so arranged that the contractor or agent could control the guard, see that they were well armed, and have them in readiness to accompany the stage, so as to enable the contractor to make his schedule time.

Hoping your Honor will soon make some arrangement whereby we can have our Mails regularly and in safety, we subscribe ourselves respectfully your humble and obedient servants.

I am of the opinion that a suitable guard should be furnished for the safety of the Mail.

A. DeLAUNEY, Post Master.
 DAVID HOPE, P. M. at Fort Taylor,
 C. H. PARSONS, Asst. P. M. at Pierceville,
 A. CLARK, P. M. Augusta, Fla.
 W. J. McGRATH, P. M. Camp Izard,
 M. ALEXANDER, P. M. at Ocala,
 HIRAM T. MANN, P. M. Silver Springs.
 WM. CONNELL, P. M. Orange Lake,
 T. P. KELLY, P. M. Orange Springs, Fla.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, }
 CONTRACT OFFICE, August 1, 1856. }

SIR:—Herewith are copies of certain papers relating to the employment of a guard of armed men to protect the mails, carriers, and passengers, on the route from Pilatka to Tampa, in Florida, from the danger of attack by hostile Indians, with which I have the honor to submit the remark, that this Department has no authority under the law to allow the contractor additional compensation for the purpose stated.

Very respectfully, your obedient serv't,

WM. H. DUNDAS,

Second Ass't. P. M. General,

HON. D. L. YULEE, Senate U. S., Washington, D. C.

[COPY.]

TAMPA, Aug. 26th, 1856.

GEN'L. JESSE CARTER, *Special Agent*:

SIR: You will please confer with Brevet Col. John Mumroe, commanding in Florida, on the subject of an efficient protection to the mail line between Tampa and Ocala, and in case he is not in condition to furnish such protection, you will detail such volunteer force for that purpose as may in your judgment be sufficient to secure the regular transmission of the United States mail between these points.

Respectfully, &c.,

JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of Florida.

CORRESPONDENCE

RELATING TO

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 December 27, 1856. }

HON. EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman Special Committee, &c.:

Sir—Your note of the 22nd inst., has been received. It is true that on the 26th of April, being much indisposed, and not at the Executive office, I requested Col. M. Whit Smith to write a note to Capt. Wright, and request him to proceed without delay to Levy county with a detachment of volunteers of not more than thirty men, and scour the Gulf Hammock, &c. When that note was written, the whole duty required was performed, and I had at the time, not the most distant idea of engaging the services of Col. Smith in an official capacity, and no word of the order or request was made.

On the 10th of May I put him under orders, as is shown by copies of communications heretofore furnished. In the orders then extended, I fixed no rank. His military rank disconnected with the Johnson Brigade as such, was that of second Lieutenant, a commission which he held in Captain Wright's Company; and as I had not ordered the Brigade into the field, I suppose he would hold his original rank in this temporary and independent service. On the 13th of June, I appointed him one of my aids for the purpose of giving him rank, and charged him with additional duties, as is seen by my general order of that date, a copy of which has been furnished the Senate. For the various services under this order, it will be seen that I stipulated to allow him a Major's pay.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From John C. Casey, U. S. A., to his Excellency James E. Broome.

(DUPLICATE.)

TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA, }
 December 23, 1855. }

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of Florida:

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of

your Excellency, "official information," just received, of an attack on the United States troops, in the "Big Cypress," south of the Caloosahatchee, by the Indians.

The Seminoles finding no alternative left but emigration or hostilities, have chosen the latter. Although a different result was strongly hoped for, yet, in anticipation of this decision, the Government has had, and has, a large force in the Indian country. I hope the troops will occupy the attention of the Indians near their homes, so as to leave them but few warriors to spare for depredations on our frontier, but in the mean time, and with the sanction of Colonel Munroe (commanding United States troops in Florida,) I would respectfully suggest the propriety of promptly placing, say, two companies of volunteers in position on Pea river, to give confidence and protection to the extreme frontier settlers.

With great respect,
Your ob't servant,
JOHN C. CASEY,
Capt. U. S. A.

From Wm. B. Hooker, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

TAMPA, December 25th, 1855.

Sir—I am engaged in raising a company of mounted volunteers, for immediate service on the frontier. I was advised to this course by a public meeting of citizens held yesterday, and I am now prepared to report that the company will be organized and on the frontier line in the course of this week. When organized a more complete report will be made.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
WM. B. HOOKER.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME.

From Capt. W. H. Kendrick, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

FORT DADE, FLORIDA,
December 25, 1855. }

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:

Dear Sir—The information reached me on the 23d inst., that the Indians had commenced hostilities south of this, which fact is causing great trouble and distress in this vicinage. However, I proceeded forthwith, and concentrated my company immediately on the frontier, thence to Tampa, and tendered the company to Col. Munroe, Fort Brook; he advised me to write to you at once, stating the fact that my company was now ready—as he had the day before

suggested frontier protection, and that the settlement I am occupying is one of the settlements alluded to. He also said I should state to you that he is now making out requisitions to supply the volunteers, etc.

We are very anxious to hear from you on the subject.

Respectfully,
W. H. KENDRICK,
Com'g Company No. 8, Fla. Volunteers.

From the same to the same.

FORT DADE, FLORIDA,
December 30, 1855. }

Gov. BROOME:

Dear Sir—Since my last communication I have been advised to put my men on the line of frontier, in detachments, which I have done at my own expense, which course has given universal satisfaction to the settlers. I hope you will do something for us as soon as the nature of the case will permit.

We have just heard that an expressman has been murdered south of Fort Myers. On account of the absence of my Second Lieutenant, E. M. Moody, I thought proper to have another elected, which office was given to John Knight; if prudent, please have him commissioned.

Col. Munroe instructed me to keep up a constant scout on the frontier, and report any discoveries that I may make to him, which I shall do.

Respectfully,
W. H. KENDRICK.

From Capt. F. M. Durrance, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

TAMPA, FLORIDA,
December 30, 1855. }

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:

Sir—I have the honor to report the enrollment and organization of a company of seventy-three mounted volunteers, for immediate service on the frontier, and solicit your Excellency's recognition.

The officers were elected by the company, as follows, viz:

For Captain: Francis M. Durrance; First Lieut. Edward T. Kendrick; Second Lieut. Alderman Carlton.

This company is composed of the frontier settlers of Hillsborough county, viz: in the immediate vicinity of Pease creek, where the

inhabitants have determined to stand, and are now engaged in measures of defence.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
FRANCIS M. DURRANCE.

From Capt. Wm. B. Hooker, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

HEAD QUARTERS SOUTH FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS, }
Fort Meade, Fla., Jan. 3, 1856. }

To his Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida :

Respected Sir—I have the honor to report that in obedience to the expressed wishes of our citizens, I proceeded with a command of forty men, to the frontier line, on Pease creek, on the 28th ult. There meeting with those recruited by Messrs. Lesley and Crane, (who had been sent out previously,) I at once proceeded to locate troops at such points as to give the greatest protection to the settlers in this vicinity. The following posts have been garrisoned and provisioned by me, to-wit: Fort Meade, twenty men; Fort Hartsuff, twenty-five miles south of that post, twenty-five men; Fort Green, or Green's settlement, twelve miles south-west of Fort Hartsuff, sixteen men; Fort Hooker, sixteen miles north of Fort Meade, twenty-four men. The balance, sixty-four men, are now on a scout, under the command of Capt. Lesley, to the mouth of Pease Creek.—Enclosed please find a list or roll of men jointly commanded by Capt. Lesley and myself, with the officers, etc. At the unanimous request of the whole command, including Capt. Lesley, I have temporarily assumed command of the whole line, supplying them from my personal resources, and shall continue to do so until further instructions from your Excellency. I have done this to fulfill the wishes of our distracted citizens, and under the advisement of Colonel Munroe, commanding the Federal troops in South Florida. On the 2d inst., or yesterday, my command organized, electing myself Captain; John Parker, First Lieutenant; Joseph M. Pearce, Second Lieutenant. Finding my command more than I anticipated, I divided it, and formed two companies, who elected Leroy G. Lesley, Captain; Streety Parker, First Lieutenant, and Francis A. Henry, Second Lieutenant; for all of whom I respectfully ask commissions. I did not take time to appoint non-commissioned officers, but sent them at once on a scout. I met, to-day, Mr. M. M. Edwards, with a command of seventeen men, whom I received and provisioned, and assigned to Fort Hartsuff, and assured him of the rank of Second Lieutenant, which, if possible, I ask your Excellency to commission with that rank. I am recruiting daily, and have ordered all the commands to do so. Doubtless in two weeks our forces will reach

one hundred and eighty or two hundred men—sufficient to maintain the line on Pease creek, and give security to the entire back country. The greatest difficulty I find is provisioning and finding forage for the animals or horses; however, I have called to my assistance Mr. H. A. Crane, a gentleman of strict integrity, energetic, and every way qualified to perform the duties of Quartermaster and Commissariat; without him, I verily believe, after all my struggles, I should have failed. I ask for him the rank of First Lieutenant.

On my arrival, I found this country in a wretched state; the inhabitants appeared distracted. I knew no time must be lost, and recommended that all settlers living on the south side of Pease creek, to cross over, and fortify themselves. Hence, at Fort Hartsuff are some eight families, at Fort Green five families, at Fort Meade eleven families, Fort Hooker six families. I have advices from town that quite a force is coming here to meet me; when they come I shall establish a post as near the mouth of Pease creek as possible; then my line will be complete. I enclose also a copy of my orders to the various commanders of the posts I located, to enable your Excellency to know that we eat no idle bread.

Your Excellency, I am getting old now, former wars begin to have their effect upon me; yet, while I can sit in my saddle, or find a penny in my purse, all, yes *all*, shall be devoted to rid our State of this *curse*. I feel that I want to see my beloved State free, before I close my eyes in an eternal sleep; that my children, at least, may sit under their own vine and fig tree, unmolested, and none to make them afraid. This is my only wish.

As I before stated, Col. Munroe has given me his countenance and support, although not yet authorized by the War Department to receive me in government service. My expenses are heavy for a single individual, yet believing that I am right, and have the good wishes of the citizens with me, my country will not desert me, in this hour of trial.

I hope your Excellency will approve my course.

I remain, Governor,
Your most ob't servant,
WM. B. HOOKER,
Capt. Commanding.

P. S.—I have not had time to appraise our horses, but will do so the first opportunity. The command of Capt. Durrance joined me, almost to a man.

Yours, W. B. H.

From the same to the same.

TAMPA, FLORIDA, Jan. 6, 1856.

Respected Sir—I will again trouble you in relation to the appointment of Mr. H. A. Crane, as Quartermaster and Commissariat to

this line of command, with the rank of First Lieutenant. His services are indispensably necessary to my command and the troops in the line. This gentleman is doubtless well known to your Excellency, at least by reputation. He is, and has been for a long time, almost from the commencement of our paper, its ostensible editor, and having been educated in a military school is well qualified for the duties I want of him.

Hoping this will meet with a favorable reception, I remain,

Yours, Respectfully,

WM. B. HOOKER.

From Col. S. Cooper, Adj't Gen'l, to Brevet Col. J. Munroe, U. S. Army.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, Jan. 7, 1856. }

Sir—I have received and laid before the Secretary of War, your communications of the 23d and 26th ult., on the subject of the recent attack on Lieut. Hartsuff's exploring party, and the probable renewal of hostilities by the several Indian bands remaining in Florida.

To meet this contingency, it being impracticable to send re-inforcements of regular troops, the Department has authorized the calling out of three independent companies, to be disposed of in the manner suggested in your letter, or in any other way that in your judgment will best insure the objects contemplated, and two other companies, to serve as hunters and trailers, and to be associated with the regular troops in their operations. In respect to the composition of these two last companies, it is enjoined on you not to allow any man to be received who is not a good woodsman, and familiar with the habits of Indians, and who could be thus usefully employed in discovering and following their trails. The several companies will have the same organization as regular troops, and will be mustered for the period of six months, unless sooner discharged. As each company will act separately, no field or staff officers will be received with them.

The great difference of expense between maintaining horse and foot troops, renders it desirable to restrict the number of the former to the lowest limit. The Department is not indeed aware of any special necessity for employing mounted volunteers at all; nevertheless, should you be of opinion that their services are essential to the success of your operations, it is left to your discretion to decide what portion of the three independent companies, for which you are authorized to call shall be mounted.

Blank rolls for mustering these volunteers will be forwarded by to-day's mail. You will confer with the Governor, who has been apprised of the authority given you, on the subject of receiving them,

and send an officer of the army to muster them in, at such points as may be indicated. Instruct this officer to be very careful to embrace on the rolls all the information that may be necessary to secure at the same time the rights of the volunteer, and to protect the interests of the Government.

I am sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

L. COOPER,

Adj't General.

Brevet Col. J. MUNROE, U. S. Army,
Commanding in Florida, Tampa, Florida.
HEAD QUARTERS TROOPS IN FLORIDA, }
January 20, 1856. }

(Official.)

T. M. VINCENT, First Lieut. Second Artillery,
A. A. Adjutant General.

(Official.)

JOHN MUNROE, Maj. Second Reg't Artillery, and Bt. Col.,
Commanding Troops in Peninsula of Florida.

From Hon. Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War, to his Excellency
James E. Broome.

WAR DEPARTMENT, }
Washington, January 8, 1856. }

Sir—Official accounts received from Florida, indicate a renewal of difficulties with the remnant of Indians residing in the southern portion of the Peninsula.

To be prepared for such emergency—it being impracticable to send re-inforcements of regular troops—Brevet Colonel John Munroe, of the United States Army, who is charged with conducting the military operations in that quarter, has been authorized, should he deem their services necessary, to call on your Excellency for an auxiliary volunteer force of five companies. Should Col. Munroe avail himself of the discretionary authority thus conferred, I am instructed by the President to request that his requisition may be complied with, and to express the hope that the State authorities will give to the measure their cordial co-operation.

The volunteers will be received for six months, unless sooner discharged. Col. Munroe will designate an officer of his command to muster the several companies, at such time and places as you ap-

point, and he will furnish any information that may be desired in respect to organization, pay, etc., of the volunteers.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JEFFERSON DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

His Excellency, **JAMES E. BROOME,**
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.

From Capt. F. M. Durrance, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, }
January 13, 1856. }

To his Excellency, **JAMES E. BROOME :**

Sir—Immediately on the despatch of my report to your Excellency, of the organization of a company of volunteers, I took post at this place, and have kept a scout continually going on the frontier. A scout left this place on Thursday morning last, commanded by Lieut. Kendrick, of my company. The scout came in this evening and report that they find signs of Indians; they found some bee trees cut. From the trail, the Lieutenant thinks there was about twelve or fifteen Indians. This was discovered about twenty-five miles south of this place. The trail led east.

Yours, with due Respect,
FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
Captain Commanding Company Volunteers.

From Col. J. Monroe, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

HEAD QUARTERS TROOPS IN FLORIDA, }
Fort Brooke, January 20, 1856. }

Sir—By virtue of authority from the War Department, dated Adjutant General's office, Washington, January 7, 1856, and received by me on the 19th inst., (of which a copy is herewith,) I now have the honor to call on your Excellency for the following volunteer force, to provide for the protection of the frontier, and to co-operate with the United States troops in enforcing the removal of the Indians remaining in the State:

One company of mounted volunteers, to be mustered into service, say, in the neighborhood of Fort Gatlin;

One company of mounted volunteers, to be mustered into service, say, in the neighborhood of Heecheepoksasa; and,

One company of mounted volunteers, to be mustered into service, say, in the neighborhood of Fort Meade;

Two companies of foot, to be composed exclusively of good woodsmen, familiar with the habits of Indians, to be employed as hunters

and trailers in the swamps and morasses, where horsemen cannot go, and where, alone, the Indians are to be found and overcome.

As each mounted company will act separately, and the foot companies are to be associated with the regular troops in their operations, no field or staff officers will be required or received with them.

"Companies serving in the Peninsula of Florida, and at Key West, are authorized to be carried up to the maximum legal standard of *seventy-four* privates," (see Special Orders, No. 70, dated War Department, Adjutant General's office, Washington, April 18, 1855—a copy herewith—and Second Section of Act of June 17, 1850, entitled an Act to increase the Rank and File of the Army, etc.) The volunteer companies now called for will therefore each be composed as follows, viz: One Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Musicians, and seventy-four Privates.

General Jesse Carter, of this county, has consented to proceed immediately to the capitol, for the purpose of conferring with your Excellency, on the details of this business, as my duties here will not allow me to leave.

Most Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,

JOHN MUNROE,
Major Second Reg't Artillery, Bt. Col.,
Commanding Troops in Peninsula of Florida.

To his Excellency, **JAMES E. BROOME,**
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee.

From Capt. Wm. B. Hooker, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

HEAD QUARTERS FLORIDA MOUNTED VOLUNTEES, }
Fort Meade, Fla., February 4, 1856. }

Your Excellency—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 19th, and in answer state that my officers are John Parker, First Lieutenant, and Joseph M. Pearce, Second Lieutenant, and for which please receive my heartfelt thanks.

I returned last evening to this post, from a scout to Charlotte Harbor, and have been absent eight days. On the third day out, discovered the track of a single Indian; after following it many miles, saw two others on a trail, and hotly pursued them to the Pease creek swamp, where they must have swam across to the eastern side; night precluded further search. These are, doubtless, some of the Indian spies now prowling along our frontier.

The troops under my command have been active for our first appearance here.

Capt. Lesley has also returned from a scout on the south side of

the creek, and reports *no sign*. He was absent three and a half days.

I deem it my duty to report to your Excellency, that on a tour of post inspection, on the 26th ult., I found that Lieut. M. M. Edwards, to whom I had assigned the command of Fort Hartsuff, had wantonly disobeyed my orders, both in general and detail, and for general dereliction of duty, I dismissed him from State service, on my own responsibility.

I thank your Excellency also for the approval of my request for Mr. H. A. Crane, whose services to this command are invaluable. Hoping your Excellency will approve my action.

I remain,

Your most ob't serv't,
WM. B. HOOKER,
Comm'd'g Troops.

To his Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Fla.

From Capt. L. G. Lesley, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

HEAD QUARTERS FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS, }
Fort Meade, February 5, 1856. }

Your Excellency—I have the honor to report, in obedience to your letter to Capt. Wm. B. Hooker, dated January 19th, that the officers of my company are Streaty Parker, First Lieutenant, and Francis A. Hendry, Second Lieutenant.

I deem it proper to state to your Excellency, that in consequence of unfavorable newspaper reports my command has been considerably reduced of late, from a full company to that of fifty men. I have had them at all times in active service, and can in a few days recruit sufficient to report to Col. Munroe. Capt. Hooker, I understand, reported his company to the Colonel, and was informed that the selection of the commanders would remain with your Excellency.

Thanking you for your kind consideration,

I remain,

Your most ob't servant,
L. G. LESLEY,

From Col. John Monroe to Gen. Jesse Carter.

HEAD QUARTERS TROOPS IN FLORIDA, }
Fort Brooke, July 28, 1856. }

Sir—it is proper that I should acknowledge having received at your hands, on the evening of the 13th inst., a letter from his Excellency, Governor Broome, dated the 4th inst., appointing you Special

Agent for the State on the frontier, in matters relating to its protection, and the expulsion of the Seminoles.

The appointment is particularly satisfactory to me, as it will secure promptitude not otherwise attainable.

I received on its date your letter of the 16th inst., in which, by instructions from the Governor, dated the 14th inst., you tender me, for the United States, in protecting the frontier, and in enforcing the removal of the Indians from the State, four companies of mounted volunteers, now in the service of the State, commanded by Capt. William H. Kendrick, Francis M. Durrance, Abner Johnson, and Leroy G. Lesley, and until my acceptance is procured, requesting me to ration and forage them. I beg leave in reply to say that my authority to accept volunteers is limited to the instructions of the Secretary of War, dated the 7th of January, which instructions were duly communicated to the Governor, with my requisition for three mounted companies, and two foot companies, which are now in process of organization.

A compliance with the desire expressed both by his Excellency and yourself to have such companies in the service of the State as may be continued in duty on the frontier, supplied with subsistence and forage, is entirely beyond my authority.

I am, Respectfully,

JOHN MUNROE,

Major Second Artillery, Bt. Col. Comm'd'g.

Gen. JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Col. John Munroe, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

HEAD QUARTERS TROOPS IN FLORIDA, }
Fort Brooke, March 4, 1856. }

Sir—I received your letter of the 4th of February, on the 13th of that month, informing me that you had authorized General Jesse Carter, (whom you had appointed Special Agent of the State of the frontier,) to tender, in compliance with my requisition for United States service, the mounted companies therein named.

It will be satisfactory for you to know that Gen. Carter has performed his functions with that judgment and comity which will secure harmonious action between himself and the United States officers with whom he will have official intercourse.

Capt. Simon L. Sparkman's mounted company was mustered into service at Ichepucksassa, on the 18th ult.

Captain W. B. Hooker's mounted company was mustered into service at Fort Meade, on the 21st ult.

Capt. Gibson, Second Artillery, was despatched from this place on the 25th ult., to muster Captain Aaron Jernigan's mounted compa-

ny, at or near Fort Gatlin. The time fixed on for the company to rendezvous was the 15th inst., but owing to the short notice which had been given to Capt. Jernigan, it was, at his solicitation, postponed until the 10th, or an earlier day, if he could be sooner prepared.

Captain Richard B. Turner's foot company was received at Fort Brooke, Tampa, on the 3d inst., as a detachment of a company, consisting of twenty-five privates, with a proportional number of officers and non-commissioned officers, he having the rank of First Lieutenant. I am in hopes of some increase to its present numbers.

It may be proper for me to say to you in this place, that the present pay of footmen, expected to do good service in the everglades, hammocks, etc., of the southern portion of the State, should be at least doubled, taking into consideration the severity of the duties, and the dangers they will incur, when compared either with the mounted troops, and the prices of ordinary labor, which is always expected to form the basis of compensation.

I received, on the 1st inst., your letter of the 18th ult., acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 11th ult., with further offers of service on the part of the State.

I will be pleased to write you from time to time as you desire, should circumstances of any interest present themselves.

I am, Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JOHN MUNROE,

Maj. Second Artillery, Bt. Col. Comd'g.

To his Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee.

From Capt. John C. Casey, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

(COPY.)

FORT BROOKE, FLA.,
March 28, 1856. }

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that the War Department has authorized a per capita reward or premium for *living* Indians, who may be captured, or induced to come in for emigration.

In obedience to this authority the following rates will be paid for hostile (living) Indians, delivered at Forts Brooke or Myers, viz:

For each warrior, from \$250 to \$500 ;

For each woman, from \$150 to \$300 ;

For each boy over ten years, from \$100 to \$200.

The highest rates (5, 3 and 2 hundred,) will be paid for all except the inferior, bed-ridden, and helpless, in which cases the rate will be decided by the Agent or a Board.

This communication is respectfully submitted in order that you may give the necessary information and instructions in the case, to the troops in the service of the State.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JOHN C. CASEY,

Capt. U. S. A. on Special Duty, etc.

Gen. JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida,

Tampa, Fla.

From Col. John Munroe, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

(COPY.)

FORT BROOKE, April 16, 1856.

Dear Sir—I beg leave to repeat in writing the proposition I made to you this morning: that, as the collective force of the Seminoles has been ascertained to be in the cypress, it is desirable to assemble at that point as many troops as possible, and with that view have submitted to you my wish that the three companies of mounted State troops now scouting south of Pease creek, might be assembled there for service, during which time they would be provisioned and foraged by the United States.

For the period of that service I will necessarily defer to your judgment.

I am, Respectfully,

JOHN MUNROE,

Major Second Artillery,
and Brevet Colonel Commanding.

From Second Lieut. Geo. Rogers, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

(COPY.)

OCALA, April 25, 1856.

Dear Sir—The sudden death of Gen. A. G. Johnson has directed to me as Colonel elect of the mounted regiment of volunteers, innumerable enquiries as to the probability of the reception of this brigade into the service. I am not able to give the information desired. Much is expected from your visit to Washington. The infantry regiment is not yet organized, but the mounted regiment is now ready for the field. I have received urgent entreaties from many citizens of Levy county, to call out part of my regiment, and scour the War-cassassa hammock, in which there can be little doubt there is a large party of Indians. I have no authority to take any such step, and cannot afford to do so at my own expense, however necessary

such course may be for the protection of the inhabitants of that country. The volunteers have a great repugnance to serving under United States officers, and I doubt if many companies can be had to serve on such terms. Will you be so good as to let me hear from you fully in regard to this matter, at as early a day as practicable, and oblige,

Yours, Respectfully,
Second Lt. GEO. ROGERS,

Hon. JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Florida.

From Adj't Gen. S. Cooper, to Bt. Col. John Munroe.

(COPY.)

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 1, 1856.

Sir—Your letters, with enclosed of April 16th, and two of April 20th, have been submitted to the Secretary of War, who directs me to say in reply, that to effect a speedy termination of hostilities in Florida, he is conscious operations should be chiefly directed against the strongholds of the Indians in the Big Cypress, where it is understood their families are concentrated. A departure from this course would only tend to give confidence to the hostilities, and encourage them to scatter, and make forays with small parties upon the settlements. Should this plan of operations be adopted, and prosecuted with energy and determination, the Secretary does not doubt that the most favorable results will follow. To this end, it is presumed, most of the volunteer force now posted, for the ostensible purpose of giving confidence and protection to interior settlements, might be more advantageously employed in operating with the troops south of the Colloosahatchee. In carrying out these suggestions, should you, after disposing the present volunteer force in the way here proposed, consider that additional force of that description is necessary to a vigorous prosecution of the campaign, you are authorized to take into the service from three to five more companies of foot volunteers. With regard to cases such as Capt. Jernigan's company, the Secretary desires you not to hesitate in taking prompt steps to rid the service of such men, who certainly cannot be relied upon for efficiency in time of need. It is left to your discretion either to discharge individuals, or, if circumstances demand, to cause companies to be mustered promptly out of service.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,

S. COOPER,
Adjutant General.

Bt. Col. J. MUNROE, Major Second Artillery,
Commanding Department of Florida,
Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, Fla
HEAD QUARTERS, Department of Florida, }
Fort Brooke, July 5, 1856. }

(A TRUE COPY.)

FRANCIS N PAGE,
Ass't Adj't General.

From Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

(COPY.)

FORT SIMON DRUM, }
May 2, 1856. }

Sir—My command arrived at this place this morning. Before we had dismounted the Indians fired on two men belonging to the post, within three hundred yards of us, in the edge of the Big Cypress. We charged them, as a matter of course, dismounted, charged the swamp on foot; soon found their trail; pursued it about three miles, up to our armpits in mud and water. They, the Indians, found that we were cowboys, and that we would overhaul them, therefore, they separated, which prevented our following further. Our introduction to the Big Cypress, was of quite an unpleasant character. Lieut. Hartsuff and command is with us, which fact we are well pleased with. The volunteers are all in healthy condition, and bid fair to perform efficient service.

I will make another report when I return to this place.

Respectfully,

W. H. KENDRICK,
Commanding Florida Volunteers.

Gen'l JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Capt. A. D. Johnston to Gen. Carter.

[COPY.]

FORT SIMON DRUM, May 6, 1856.

GENERAL CARTER:

SIR—We arrived at this place on the 2nd inst. Before we had time to dismount there were two men fired on by the Indians. I ordered a charge to the spot. The soldiers that were shot at saw six Indians. I dismounted the command and charged the hammock. We soon discovered a trail of 6 or 7 Indians. We pursued the trail about 3 miles, a great many of the men up to their waist in mud and water. I soon discovered we could not overtake them. We

abandoned the pursuit, expecting to get a more favorable opportunity. Lieut. Hartsuff soon came up and found another trail. With his command he followed it some distance, but without success. We have been scouting by his guidance. He is an excellent man and a perfect gentleman. We have burned up one of Billy's towns near Fort Deneaud. We are to start in the morning for Fort Shackelford, and down by Billy's place or town in the Big Cypress, and visit all the Indian towns in that direction, which we will accomplish in 5 or 6 days. Then we are ordered to report to Maj. Arnold and join his command in the Cypress. I have under my command 83 men, 38 of my own company, 20 men of Capt. Kendrick's and 26 of Capt. Durrance's command, under Lieut. Kendrick. Our men are very anxious to get a fight. We have come a long distance, and they do not want to return without a fight. All the country South of the Big Charley Popho is worthless for range or cultivation. The weather is warm and dry. The horses are declining daily. One cause is, we have not forage, as we only are drawing half rations. The fleas are very bad. Lieut. Hartsuff has 28 men, making the whole command 111, including officers.

Respectfully, yours, &c.,

A. D. JOHNSTON,

Capt. com'dg Volunteers in the Big Cypress.

GEN. CARTER, Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From General S. Cooper to Governor Broome.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 7th, 1856.

His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:

SIR—I have the honor to inform you that reports have been received from Brevet Colonel Munroe, commanding in Florida, from the 9th to the 20th of April, from which it would appear that the Indians have been found in force in the Big Cypress, and that they engaged a command of about 110 men near "Billy's Town," on the 9th of April. Circumstances seeming to show that the whole body of the hostiles were there assembled, with a determination to defend their position to the last, Colonel Munroe was making arrangements to increase the number of troops at that point, and issued orders for Capt. Vogde's Company to embark from Key West, and also all the available "Volunteer force that can be collected," to be sent South of the Carloosahatchee.

In connection with this subject instructions were sent to Colonel Munroe the 1st inst., to prosecute vigorously the operations against the Indians in the Big Cypress, and if necessary, to take into the Uni-

ted State's service from three to five more Companies of foot Volunteers.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. COOPER,
Adjutant General.

From Capt. A. D. Johnston to Col. Brown.

[COPY.]

MAJOR ARNOLD'S CAMP, May 8th, 1856.

SIR—I left Fort Deneaud on the 1st of May, under the guidance of Lt. Hartsuff, examined the massacre near that place, making a thorough search for the remains of the two men who had not been discovered, unsuccessfully. Arrived the next day at Fort Simon Drum, and, before dismounting, heard the report of several rifles. Being informed that the guns were fired at two men hunting near the edge of the Swamp, we instantly repaired to the place, dismounted, and leaving a small guard for the horses, followed the trail of about ten Indians two miles, but, from a want of knowledge concerning the dimensions, &c., of the Swamp through which they traveled, and most of our ammunition being wet, considered it inexpedient and returned. Since which time have made the following scouts: Examined and destroyed "Billy's town" near Cho-la-ba-pal-bah; from thence to Fort Duane, near temporary Depot No. 2, and to Fort Keais, returning to Fort Simon Drum; accomplished the rout within two days, and discovered no fresh Indian signs. After remaining one day at Fort Simon Drum, visited Fort Shackelford, examined and destroyed the following towns, to wit: Stuttering Billy's, Ho-ith-le, Mah-lee-chee-bee, a small old town, and Assinwah's, arriving at Maj. Arnold's present depot on the fourth day. After leaving Simon Drum saw no Indians or signs. Since arriving at this place, under command of Maj. Arnold, we traveled as far South as we could on horse-back, and, sending back our horses, went on foot with the Major's command seven or eight miles South of his present position; destroyed several gardens and town, but were unable to discover Indians or fresh signs, or arrive at any definite conclusion concerning their whereabouts. The country at present is one in which there is no probability of operating successfully. Horses cannot penetrate the swamps, and the footmen not to such an extent as to overtake and capture Seminoles. Lieut. Hartsuff leaves to-morrow with the good will, respect and admiration of every volunteer. He has certainly acquired a thorough and correct knowledge of the Indian country, and has also evinced considerable acumen concerning the Indian character, and, with invaluable ideas as regards their re-

moval, his leaving is a tremendous loss to us. We start to-morrow on another scout, and hope to be able to give a better report after returning.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
A. D. JOHNSTON,
Commanding Volunteer Troops.

To COL. BROWN.

From Col. Munroe to Gen. Jesse Carter.

HEAD QUARTERS, Dep't of Florida, }
Fort Brooke, May 18th, 1856. }

SIR—Your letter of yesterday's date was handed me to day on the eve of the Steamer Jasper's departure for Punta Rassa, in reference to the allowance of Forage to be supplied to the State troops serving south of the Carloosahatchee.

I have sent orders by Lieut. Haines, that they shall receive full allowance of short Forage when in the field, and full allowance of short and long Forage when at a depot furnished with water communication, if they can consume that quantity.

Some time since, I had issued instructions in reference to troops in the service of the United States who draw half rations in money.—In the absence of subsequent instructions, I presume these rules were applied to all. On my visit to Fort Myers on the 10th inst., I explained to Col. Brown the distinction, and presume he ordered the supplies in accordance with my intentions.

I am your obd't serv't,
JOHN MUNROE,

Maj. 2d Art'y and Brevet Col. Comd'g.
Gen. JESSE CARTER, Special Agent State of Florida.

From Capt. Lesly to Gen. Carter.

[EXTRACT.]

FORT TREXA, Fla., 27th May, 1856.

GENERAL CARTER:

SIR—In obedience to your instructions, I have the honor to make the following report:

I left here on the 18th inst., with Lieut. H. A. Crane and 22 non-commissioned officers and privates, for a scout on Peas Creek, course S. E., to the battle-ground on Hutchinson's Creek. Here we found the remains of 2 Indians, one of which the Indians had given a partial burial. The other was found in a lagoon. You have perhaps heard that this battle-ground was in an open place, so much so that the Indians could never have escaped without having been seen. I beg leave to differ with all who may be of that opin-

ion. I should think, from the ground, that the Indians would hardly ask for a better place to have an attack made them, if to escape unseen was what they wanted. From the way in which the affair was conducted, I am only surprized that they killed any at all. Here I divided the command—took one-half—went up the Creek East 6 miles to the Grand Prairie of Florida; then South to Fort Deneaud road; then back 5 or 6 miles West to the battle-ground; thence to the ford on Pease Creek. Lieut. C. went S. W. down the prairie about 8 miles; then W. to Pease Creek; met at ford on P. Creek; returned to Horse Creek; went up it to Platt's place; then back across the head of Miaca, and to camp, without finding any fresh sign. Arrived here to-day at 3½ o'clock, P. M. Found 2 or 3 of the men with emu and fever, but nothing serious. Being tired out hunting Indians and finding none, and hearing that they are plenty in your beat, I think I shall take a scout in that direction next week. You may look out for me, with 20 men, in a few days.

Yours respectfully,
L. G. LESLY,
Capt. commd'g Flo. Vol.

GEN. JESSE CARTER.

From Col. Munroe to all whom it may concern.

HEAD QUARTERS, Department of Florida, }
Fort Brooke, May 23d, 1856. }

SPECIAL ORDERS—No. 6.

I. 1st. Lieutenant Enoch M. Moody, Florida (mounted) Volunteers, will be discharged the service of the United States, from the date of the receipt of this order at his post. Any members of the escort from Captain Jernigan's Company, detailed for the protection of beef cattle belonging to Mr. W. H. Holdren, beef contractor, who may have abandoned their duties will be discharged the service.

II. An election will be held to fill the vacancies in Captain Jernigan's Company created by the discharge of Lieutenant Moody. The candidate selected to fill any vacancy which may thus arise, need not necessarily be a member of the Company. If not a member, after being mustered into service and duly qualified, he will enter on the duties of his office. The vacancies created by the discharge of the enlisted men of the escort above named, will be filled by persons who may be presented and duly mustered for that purpose.

III. 1st. Lieutenant J. M. L. Taylor, 2d Artillery, is charged with the duty of mustering officer.

By order of COL. MUNROE,
FRANCIS N. PAGE,
Ass't Adj't General.

From M. C. Peterson and others, Committee, to Gen. Carter.

[COPY.]

SPRING HILL, Hernando county, }
May 31st, 1856. }

GEN. J. CARTER, Tampa, Fla.:

DEAR SIR—Permit us to give you a brief outline of the state of things that exist here. You are doubtless aware that soon after the murder of Capt. Bradley's children by the Indians on the night of the 14th inst., most of the inhabitants of this county, deeming it unwise and inhuman to have their families longer exposed to similar barbarities, left their homes and hastily collected into small parties at the most suitable points in different neighborhoods for the purpose of mutual defence, and for the further purpose of trying, by their united efforts to finish, even partially, the cultivation of their growing crops, and to keep on the look out from time to time such force as their inadequate means of defence would enable them to spare, to scout and hunt for the Indians. For two weeks past there has been every evidence of the presence of the Indians in our neighborhood, but for the last few days the signs increase with so much rapidity as to excite in our minds well-founded apprehension for the safety of the community, even for a short period of time. About three evenings ago, the same yellow dog, which was seen with the Indians at the house of Capt. Bradley on the night of the sad tragedy there, came into his yard again and, after scouting around for some time, skulked off into a hammock near by. On the next morning the trail of four Indians was discovered, where they had been around his premises the previous night. Two days ago, a negro belonging to Mr. Banknight or Mr. Johnston reported having seen some Indians near the plantation of Mrs. Esselman, where said negro and others were working, and in which vicinity there are quite a number of Indian old fields and settlements. A party of men went immediately to the place, and, on examination, found fresh signs of seven Indians, which they trailed for some distance, and near a place where they had apparently halted to get water they found a piece of an Indian belt, recently dropped, and a plenty of fresh signs about all the Indian old fields above mentioned; and, on the same day, the same or some other party of Indians was trailed into Chocochattee hammock near the plantation of Wm. Hope. On the same day a fresh trail of five Indians was discovered in the plantation of Dr. W. T. Mago, in the Annuttaliga Hammock, about two miles N. E. from here, and about 8 or 10 miles N. W. from where they were seen near Mrs. Esselman's plantation; and on yesterday, Mr. Nicks, who lives a few miles N. E. from Mrs. E.'s plantation, had evidence which satisfied him that there were Indians in the hammock near his premises] and on the same day, and perhaps near the same hour,

Thos. B. Dawwhite, passing through a portion of Chocochattee Hammock South of William Hopes, heard distinctly four signals given in different directions and within a few seconds of each other; and on the same day, while Mr. Sutton's hands were working in his field, they heard a noise in the hammock, which they immediately reported, when Mr. Sutton and Mr. Friarson went to examine and found a fresh moccasin track, which they trailed for some distance in the direction of Chocochattee; and again, on the same day, Mayberry Whitehurst saw an Indian within about a mile of Mr. Sutton's and about one mile from the residence of Capt. Ellis; and this morning, as a small party were going out scouting, they found the tracks of five Indians that had been prowling about Sutton's house last night, and, as the scout returned this evening, they found where six others had been around the same houses during the day. (Sutton's house, with many others, is for the present abandoned.)

These are some of the evidences which we have of the presence of the enemy in our midst, and we will here add, that such of these reports as have not come under our personal observation are made by gentlemen of high standing and undoubted veracity, and may therefore be relied upon as being substantially correct.

From the fact of so much sign having been seen almost simultaneously in so many different directions and within so short a time, we conceive that we need not be considered "alarmists" if we apprehend that the Indians are concentrating their forces for a murderous attack, and, although no outrage has been committed among us since the sad tragedy at Capt. Bradley's, yet the short respite may only be the ominous calm which forebodes a fearful storm. We, therefore, having been appointed a Committee of Citizens of this neighborhood, to report, we therefore most respectfully ask that you will, at the earliest practicable moment, send to our relief a force sufficient to protect us from the cruel barbarities of this insidious foe, or, at least, to aid us in protecting our lives and property, provided you have the direction or control of such force, and, if not, that you exert your influence to obtain it from the officer commanding the troops in Florida; for we are fully persuaded, from the indications here and the reports from other places, that there are *now* more Indians on this side of the Hillsborough river than there are beyond it.

Very respectfully,

Your ob'd serv'ts,
M. C. PETERSON,
H. T. FRIARSON,
B. W. LESCON,
FRED'K DYKES,
W. T. MAGO,
PERRY G. WALL, }

Committee.

From John McNeill to General Jesse Carter.

[COPY.]

HERNANDO COUNTY, June 3d, 1856.

GEN. JESSE CARTER:

DEAR SIR—When I came home and organized my command, I found plenty of men that were anxious to join, and ready to do duty, and for the first scout or two, did well, but there are Indian signs in the neighborhood and some of the men are not so ready to do duty now, and they know that I cannot compel them until they are regularly mustered into the service, consequently about 20 men have the service of the whole command to do, and if the Governor will allow you to muster me, please to come as soon as you can, for our county is in a bad state of affairs, and unless there is something done soon by the powers that be, there will several leave the country. I was on a scout down the Cypress, Trout Creek and the river swamp—found considerable Indian signs or moccasin tracks seen in the Chocochattee scrub. Immediately ordered a scout to meet me next day to hunt in the neighborhood, and before I got to the scrub, I met a runner from the Friarson old place stating that a negro girl belonging to Mr. Johnston had seen some Indians at the field. Thursday evening I went to the place, found tracks at the spot and for some distance off in the hammock, but daily rains prevented following far. A party of Indians visited the house of John Sutton on Friday night; he was not there, however, and there was no harm done. I have been out, or kept a scout out every day since last Monday, and today is the first that there is no fresh signs reported from mostly about the Chocochattee Hammock and scrub. If there is plenty of men in service to send guards here to the different bunches of people to protect them, I shall be content; yet when men have been obliged to, I think they ought to be allowed to do the service that is necessary to defend their families and be paid for it. Please write by the first opportunity and let me know when you can come up.

Yours with respect,

JOHN McNEILL.

Gen. JESSE CARTER, Special Agent.

P. S. There are signs of Indians reported in a great many places here, but from all the discoveries I have made, I do not believe there is more than 10 or 12 Indians in this county and not every where that they are reported at that.

J. McNEILL.

From Hon. Jefferson Davis to Gov. James E. Broome.

WAR DEPARTMENT, }
WASHINGTON, June 11th, 1856. }

SIR—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication

of May 16th in relation to increase of pay to volunteers and the rewards paid for capturing Indians. My letter of April the 15th, and a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, dated May 7, will have placed you fully in possession of the views of this Department and the steps taken to terminate the Indian disturbance in Florida. As you have been informed, three companies of Mounted Volunteers and seven of Foot have been authorized to be taken into service. If these companies were full, they would make a total force of 873, officers and men, whereas only 422 have been received into service, so far as is known to this Department. Complaints have been made by citizens of Florida to the military commander of the turbulent conduct of some of the Volunteers, particularly of Capt. Jernigan's company, stationed for the protection of the settlements, and it has been said that they were dreaded more than the Indians. If Volunteers, when mustered into the service, take advantage of their organization to indulge in idleness, intoxication and lawless depredations on those whom they are employed to protect—or, if, as is also stated, and perhaps to be justified by the hazards of their frontier residence, they in some instances remain at their homes, entirely occupied with their private interests, and make their public engagements a mere matter of convenience—the first change required would seem to be in the character of the troops furnished by the State for the public service. In view of these considerations and of the course reported by you to have been taken by a Captain and twenty reliable men, sent by you to examine parts of Levy county, suspected to be the haunts of Indians, in halting and awaiting reinforcements on the bare discovery of a trail, without having seen an Indian, it would not appear that the requisite security of the frontier is to be obtained merely by an increase of compensation, or by rewards, as proposed in your letter.

Anxious to assure peace to Florida by the removal of the Indians, I shall readily co-operate with your Excellency in any plan to effect that end, and will remark, that past failures have not changed my conviction that the only mode to be pursued which promises success and, in the mean time, safety to your frontier settlers, is to press vigorously forward into the Big Cypress and the Everglades whenever the season permits.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob'dt serv't,

JEFF'N DAVIS,

Secretary of War.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Gov. of Florida, Tallahassee.

From Colonel Munroe to Governor Broome.

[COPY.]

HEAD QUARTERS, Dep't. of Florida, }
Fort Brooke, January 12, 1856. }

SIR—I received your letter of the 8th ult. on the 31st inst., on my return from a visit to Fort Myers. General Carter has, I presume, kept you duly advised of the correct operations of the troops. With the view you express in relation to active operations being continued during the summer months I concur, but there are occasionally practical difficulties which interpose to check our movements. The character of the country as you approach the Big Bypass from the North becomes so saturated with water and boggy, that nothing can be done in that direction during the rainy season. It is proposed to keep up during the summer months expeditions by boats penetrating from the coast to the interior. The number of Indians who have shown themselves in this section of the country since the outbreak, although not numerous, have presented themselves at so many different points as to keep the entire frontier in a state of alarm, as you are fully informed. Owing to a sparse population and the extensive cover the country offers, these Indians have succeeded in avoiding all our parties except in a single instance, although much perseverance has been shown, and fatigue endured in scouting after them.

The State Volunteers under Capts. Kendrick and Johnston, and Lieut. Kendrick, performed their thirty days' service south of the Carlosahatchee and in the Everglades, with much credit to themselves, and they have been spoken of by the U. S. officers with whom they were associated on their tour in the most favorable manner.

The company of Capt. Jernigan has, I am sorry to say, been the subject of much serious complaint from the citizens in the vicinity of his posts, particularly the detachment stationed at "Houstouns" near Enterprize. They charge, and I have no doubt with truth, that the public duties of the company, particularly of that part of it, have been grossly neglected, and the individual conduct of many of the men as being extremely improper. I transmit herewith a copy of my order in reference to this subject which will explain my action in the matter. My letter to you of the 17th ult., asking for additional foot volunteers states the number and description of troops which has been advisable to call for. Gen. Carter left here on the 9th instant, Capt. Sparkman in company, having with them detachments of State and U. S. Volunteers, and proposing to make a scout of ten or twelve days in Hernando County, where Indians have recently been seen.—I had prepared a copy of a Map of South Florida, which is accompanied by a memorandum of the positions of troops, to be transmitted

to you through Gen. Jesse Carter. It adds somewhat to our knowledge of the topography of that section.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obdt. servant,

JOHN MUNROE,

Maj. 2d Art'y. and Brevet Col. Com'dng.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME, Gov. of Florida.

From Col. M. Whit Smith to Governor Broome.

CEDAR KEY, June 26, 1856.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME, Gov.:

SIR—Upon my return from Tallahassee, I found Capt. Wright, with all his efficient men, on foot examining the Gulf Hammock. He occupied three days in the Hammock.

Upon his return, his report to me was that he did not believe there were any Indians in the Hammock. The signs that he discovered were several days old, and all pointing Southward. Lieut. Youngblood, in command of a detachment, had also examined the Suwannee Hammock, and believes that the Indians, whose signs had so frequently been discovered in that Hammock, have gone South. From Capt. Stewart I have had no report. From the above facts, I have become fully satisfied that there is no real necessity for troops in this immediate vicinity, and immediately gave notice to the community that I should remove my forces South. For the present, and until the additional companies are received, I have decided to establish a post on the Withlacooche, just below the cove, and another at Bay Port, in Hernando county. Capt. Stewart, with his command, has gone to take charge of the post at Withlacooche, and I have sent supplies up the river to meet him. Capt. Wright will leave for Bay Port, with his command, as soon as I can procure transportation for our remaining supplies and camp equipage, in which I will have no difficulty.

Having given orders to the troops, I returned to this place on the 20th, expecting to receive despatches from your Excellency. The line of steamers being disarranged, I was disappointed. On the morning of the 21st, I received information from Capt. Wright that two men had been arrested in Columbia county charged with personating Indians and making Indian signs on the head of the Wasasassa, near the plantation of Hon. Jno. B. Stanley, and had been brought to Sodom and given up to the civil authorities. I immediately started for Sodom, to assist in their prosecution, and arrived there just before the examination closed. (The names of the accused are Jno. M. Rhodes and David Gargaines.) These men, upon being brought before the Magistrate, made affidavit charging Enoch Daniels with having instigated them to personate and make Indian

sigas at the place above mentioned, and Enoch Daniels was also arrested by civil authority. The result of the examination before the Magistrate's Court was by no means thorough or satisfactory. The accusers of Daniels wholly failed to make out his guilt. The Magistrate, however, concluded to require bond from him in the sum of \$500 to appear at the next term of the Circuit Court, which I approved of, thinking it right under the circumstances. After the examination closed, the parties were all turned over to me and I ordered Daniels under military arrest, and had Rhodes and Gurgaines sent to the camp, and kept under guard until I could organize a court of inquiry. On the morning of the 23d a military court consisting of Capt's. Stewart and Wright and three Lieuts. was organized. Before this court a thorough examination of the charges against Daniels was made. The witnesses were brought and examined separately, not in hearing of each other. The whole day was occupied in the examination; every person that it was thought knew anything about the matter was sent for and examined. Rhodes and Gurgaines made contradictory statements to those testified to by them before the Magistrate's court, and fully fixed upon themselves the crime of wilful perjury. The magistrate and sheriff were present by invitation and demanded Rhodes and Gurgaines, that they might be prosecuted for perjury. I yielded to their demands and gave the men up; they, R. and G., have been duly committed and sent to the jail of Marion county. The court after mature deliberation were fully satisfied of the innocence of Daniels, and also that these men had concocted the story to save themselves. The whole proceedings together with the testimony was written down and carefully preserved, a copy of which together with the proceedings before the magistrate's court, will be sent to your Excellency as soon as I have leisure to make them out. The four companies of infantry ordered out will soon be ready for service. I have information, (but not official,) that two of the companies will be reported in a few days, the other two I think, will soon follow. I have received information to-day from Bay Port that a family consisting of five persons were murdered a few days since near Tampa, and I think it advisable to send our troops south as fast as possible. I have visited the several places in Levy where the people were forced, and advised them to return to their homes as I did not believe there was any further danger here. So far as I can learn the course taken meets the approbation of the larger portion of the community, in fact I hear no complaints. I no longer have any use for Enoch Daniel's command, and beg your Excellency to allow me to discharge him; many of his men are not willing to go South, and my officers are unwilling to be associated with a man against whom so much is said. I have not heard from your Excellency since I left Tallahassee, but hope to hear soon. Many of my men had slight at-

tacks of chills and fever after coming out of the Hammock, but are improving.

Very respectfully,
M WHIT SMITH.

From Col. Munroe to Adj. Gen. Cooper.

[COPY.]

HEAD-QUARTERS DEP'T. OF FLORIDA, }
Fort Brooke, July 6th, 1856. }

COLONEL—I have the honor to state that the period of six month's for which the Florida Volunteers are now in service will expire at the following dates:

Sparkman's Company Mounted Volunteers,	Aug. 19, 1856,
Hooker's " " "	Aug. 21, 1856,
Jernigan's " " "	Sept. 10, 1856,
Turner's Detachment Foot " "	Sept. 1st, 1856.

I would respectfully suggest an early call with the view of having a competent force mustered in and organized in time to replace them. The Mounted Volunteers now in service have been drawn from the frontier, many of whom have families, and the protection which it has been found necessary to give to them has seriously effected the efficiency and usefulness of these companies for their particular service. The numerous points on the frontier at which a large number of families have been collected, the necessity of protecting them and the immediate interest of the Volunteers in the families as well as the locality in which they were necessarily stationed, their domestic obligations and personal interests have in a great measure led them to attend to their own affairs at the expense of the public, thus interfering greatly with their usefulness and efficiency in the operations of the campaign. I cannot therefore urge too strongly the necessity of avoiding this evil in a new organization.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from his Excellency James E. Broome, Governor of Florida, with my reply, from which it will be seen that the two companies, with the exception of Turner's Detachment of Foot Volunteers, called for in January last, have not yet been furnished.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

JOHN MUNROE,

Major 2d Regt. Art'y. Comd'g.

Col. S. COOPER,
Adj. Gen. U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

Head-Quarters Dep't. of Florida, }
Fort Brooke, July 31, 1856. }

A true copy.

FRANCIS N. PAGE,
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Col. M. Whit Smith.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, July 12, 1856. }

Col. M. WHIT SMITH,
Bayport, Florida :

Sir—Your communication of the 26th ult., was received and placed in the hands of the Attorney General for his opinion, as suggested. He reports that there is no ground for sustaining a charge of treason against Rhodes and Jernigan, and having none of the testimony cannot decide as to the question of perjury, but leans to the opinion that the proper tribunal would have been a military Court Martial. To discharge Daniels requires no special authority from me. A reference to my instructions on that subject will show that the question of receiving him at all was left to your discretion, and I have regarded him as your tenant at will. Treat him as such, and I suggest that you notify him that there are to be no more Indian signs seen in his section.

You speak of stationing Capt. Stewart at or near the cave of the Withlacoochee, and Capt. Wright, at Bayport. I suppose you expect to leave detachments only at these particular points.

Let me hear from you frequently, and advise me as to your address. I send this to Bayport, not knowing where to address you.

I advised you at Alligator and at Cedar Key, that I had placed two thousand dollars to your credit, for investment in supplies, with Post & Mell, New Orleans. Yours,

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Adj't Gen. S. Cooper, to Bt. Col. John Munroe.

(COPY.)

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Washington, July 21, 1856. }

Sir—Your letter of the 6th inst., reporting the dates at which the times of service of the volunteers called out in Florida will expire, and presenting certain suggestions in relation to the organization of a new volunteer force, has been received and laid before the Secretary of War, by whom it has been returned to this office, with the following endorsement :

"The views of the Colonel commanding the Department of Florida, as to the propriety of drawing volunteers from points at a distance from the exposed frontier, are approved, and will be communicated to the Governor of the State. He is authorized to make requisition for such number of mounted companies as in his judgment will suffice to replace those about to be discharged, not exceeding the number now in service.

"JEFF'N DAVIS,
"Secretary of War.

"War Department, July 18, '56."

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

S. COOPER,

Adjutant General.

Bt. Col. J. MUNROE, Major Second Artillery,
Commanding Department of Florida,
Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, Fla.

From Col. John Munroe, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

(COPY.)

HEAD QUARTERS TROOPS IN FLORIDA, }
Fort Brooke, March 4, 1856. }

Sir—By virtue of authority from the War Department, dated Adjutant General's office, Washington, July 21, 1856, and received by me on the 30th inst., (of which a copy is herewith transmitted,) I now have the honor to call upon your Excellency for the following volunteer forces, to replace the companies of mounted volunteers now in the service of the United States, and to serve for the period of six months unless sooner discharged :

One company of mounted volunteers, to be mustered into service at Mellonville ;

One company of mounted volunteers, to be mustered into service in the neighborhood of Hichipucksassa ; and,

One company of mounted volunteers, to be mustered into service at Fort Meade.

As each mounted company will act separately, no field or staff officers will be required or received with them.

A company of mounted troops consists of one Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Buglers, one Farrier and Blacksmith, and seventy-four Privates.

I have the honor also to transmit herewith a copy of a communication addressed by me to the War Department, as explanatory of my views in reference to the locality from which the volunteer force

should be drawn. On this subject, however, I have fully imparted my views to Gen. Jesse Carter, who has consented to proceed to the capitol, for the purpose of conferring with your Excellency on the details of this business. My duties will not now permit me to leave my Head Quarters.

Brevet Major J. McKinstry, Assistant Quartermaster, accompanies Gen. Carter, and is authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the transportation and supply of the troops, from the place of rendezvous to the place of muster.

The term of service of the mounted volunteers now in the service of the United States, expires on the following dates:

Sparkman's company mounted volunteers, August 19, 1856, in the neighborhood of Hichipucksassa;

Hooker's company of mounted volunteers, August 21, 1856, at Fort Meade;

Jernigan's company of mounted volunteers, September 10, 1856.

And it is desired that the companies called for should be enrolled at their places of rendezvous in time to arrive at the places of muster above mentioned, say, five days before the other companies are mustered out of service.

I am, Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,

JOHN MUNROE,

Maj. Second Artillery, Bt. Col. Comd'g.

To his Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen Jesse Carter.

(COPY.)

TAMPA, August 14, 1856.

Gen. JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

You will proceed immediately to raise and tender the mounted volunteer companies, called for in the annexed requisition, to Colonel John Munroe, conforming in all things to the terms, both as to date and character of troops.

JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida.

From Col. J. Monroe, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

HEAD QUARTERS, Department of Florida, }
Fort Brooke, August 1, 1856. }

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that the term of service of Lieut. R. B. Turner's detachment of foot volunteers, will expire on

the first day of September next. The necessity of foot volunteers in this frontier is still urgent, and I am compelled now to call on your Excellency for the following volunteer force, to serve for six months, unless sooner discharged. Two companies of foot volunteers, and another company of foot volunteers to replace Lieut. R. B. Turner's incomplete company, about to be mustered out of service. From the very satisfactory manner in which Lieut. R. B. Turner has performed his duties, and the high commendations bestowed on him by the officers with whom he has served, I do not hesitate to recommend him to your favorable consideration, and, in the event of his raising a company, I would respectfully suggest to your Excellency, that Gen. Jesse Carter be authorized to present it for muster into the service. In reference to the qualifications of foot volunteers, I have the honor to refer you to the letters from the War Department, dated January 7th and May 1st, 1856, on the subject of volunteer force—copies of which were transmitted to your Excellency. The organization of a foot company of volunteers is as follows: one Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Musicians, and seventy-four Privates.

Having received the volunteer force above called for, and having posted them in advantageous positions, it may be necessary to call on your Excellency for additional foot companies. Please inform me whether they can be raised—such information is necessary for me in arranging my plans of location of the volunteer force on the frontier.

I am sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,

JOHN MUNROE,

Major Second Artillery, Bt. Col. Commd'g.

His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.

From John Addison, Comd'g, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

(COPY.)

MANATEE, August 8, 1856.

To his Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME:

Sir—Since my arrival home, from Tallahassee, I have kept those of my command upon the move and have been successful in keeping the enemy from attempting to commit any depredations in my vicinity. In fact there has not been one seen since the attack upon Dr. Braden's house. I have spared no pains on my part to effect every thing that could be possibly done. I have not had as fair a chance as I could wish, not having a full company, and had to protect some

half a dozen points, which left me with but an inadequate number to perform the scouting duty required to be done on the line of frontier assigned me. Just at this time there cannot be anything expected, the whole country being under water, with constant rains.— We can merely act upon the defensive until the rain ceases. There is also a good deal of sickness amongst us at this time, caused, I suppose, from the constant exposure to the hot sun and rain. I hope, this fall and winter, to be able again to come up with Billy and his men.

I hope your Honor will be pleased to grant to me the commission you intend me to have, immediately, as I am anxious to know what rank I am to hold. I have fifty-nine men, if my memory serves me; only a few would fill me out to a full company, which, if I had, I could perform as much useful service this winter as any other Captain in the field.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JOHN ADDISON,
Comm'd'g Manatee.

To his Excellency, **JAMES E. BROOME,**
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen Jesse Carter.

TAMPA, FLORIDA, August 16, 1856.
Gen. JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,
Tampa, Fla.

Sir—You are required to raise and muster into the service of the State, five companies of mounted men, to serve for six months from the date of muster, unless sooner discharged. These companies are designed to supply the places of those now in the State service, commanded by Captains Johnston, Kendrick, Durrance, Lesley, and Lieutenant Addison, and to be mustered in, as they are mustered out. Each man recruited will be required to arm himself with a good double-barreled or rifle gun, and must be well mounted. In your inspection you will be rigid. You will conform strictly to the army regulations, and receive no man who is not able to render efficient service. You will receive no man as a commander who, in the late service, either as an officer or private, was known to have been insubordinate, or who refused to respond promptly to orders properly extended, or who failed to discharge his duty promptly and efficiently, whether such party was in the service of the State, or of the United States. In the service now to be organized, you will promptly muster out any individual, whether officer or private, who fails to render prompt obedience to orders properly extended, or who

refuses to discharge his duty as a soldier. Should such action become necessary in the case of a commissioned officer, his place will be supplied by an election, and in the case of a private, another will be recruited in his place.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida.

From Hon. Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War, to his Excellency
James E. Broome.

(COPY.)

WAR DEPARTMENT, }
Washington, September 13, 1856. }

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ult. in reference to a new campaign against the hostile Seminoles, and, in reply, to inform you that orders have been given by this department for the concentration in the Peninsula of Florida, early in November next, of fourteen companies of artillery and a regiment of infantry; in all amounting to about two thousand officers and men. Bt. Brig. Gen. Harney will be assigned to the command of the troops, and he will be authorised to call upon you for eight or ten companies of volunteers, having the same organization as the companies heretofore furnished by the State of Florida. The pay of the volunteers being fixed by law, the Department cannot comply with your suggestion for an increase of their compensation.

The rewards allowed for Indian captives, will be extended to embrace children under ten years of age.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't serv't,
JEFFERSON DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

To his Excellency **JAMES E. BROOME,**
Governor of Florida:

From Gen. Jesse Carter, to Col. M. Whit Smith.

(COPY.)

AUGUSTA, Ga., September 4, 1856.

Gen'l JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

* Sir—I am instructed to tender you the foot companies under my command, and to turn over to you all such supplies I may have on

hand. You are requested to come to Bayport immediately, and receive them.

Very Respectfully,
M. WHIT SMITH,
Comm'd'g Special Battalion Florida Volunteers.

From the same to the same.
(COPY.)

PIERCEVILLE, Fa., September 24, 1856.

To Gen. Jesse Carter,

Special Agent of the State of Florida:

Sir—The troops directed to be tendered to you are now on parade, and I am about to proceed to read to them the orders of the Executive. I have instructed Capt. H. F. Smith to report his command to you.

You will attend with me and receive the troops.

Very Respectfully,
M. WHIT SMITH,
Comm'd'g Battalion.

From John C. Casey, U. S. A., to his Excellency James E. Broome.
(COPY.)

TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA, October 2, 1856.

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that your suggestion to extend the premium for living Indians, to all ages, has been sanctioned by the War Department. A recent scouting party reports that a numerous party of Indians appear to have been living on the waters of Istokpoga, during the past (wet) season, and have only been gone three or four weeks. We have just received the order directing Gen. Harney and twenty-six companies (regulars) to operate here this winter, besides the volunteer forces.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JOHN C. CASEY,
Capt. U. S. A.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:
Tallahassee, Fla.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Messrs. D. L. Yulee, S. R. Mallory, and A. E. Maxwell.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, December 31, 1855. }

To Messrs. D. L. Yulee, S. R. Mallory,
and A. E. Maxwell:

Gentlemen—I enclose an "extra," from the office of the Peninsular,

lar, and a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of citizens held at Tampa, on the 24th inst.

A personal interview with Rev. Mr. Pratt, of that town, induces me to believe that the attack was premeditated, and without provocation, and that another Indian war, if not inevitable, is at least highly probable. I have addressed a communication to Gen. Davis, Secretary of War, a copy of which is here enclosed, and respectfully request you to use such efforts to procure proper action by the Department, and the necessary appropriation by Congress, as will secure the frontier and remove the Indians.

When I shall have been officially advised by Colonel Munroe, or Capt. Casey, I will make a further communication.

With the highest respect,
Your ob't servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Hon. Jefferson Davis.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, Fa., December 31, 1855. }

Hon. Jefferson Davis,

Secretary of War:

Sir—I enclose an "extra," from the office of the Peninsular, a newspaper published at Tampa. I have also received the proceedings of a meeting of a portion of the inhabitants of Hillsborough county, and letters from private persons fully confirming the melancholy intelligence contained in the extra.

Trouble with the remnant of the Seminole Indians, I fear, is inevitable, and I respectfully suggest the propriety of prompt and efficient action for their removal. For this purpose, the present United States force stationed in Florida is inadequate, and experience has demonstrated the inefficacy of such a force, when compared with the volunteer militia. The State, in 1853, elected a Brigadier General, and provided for enrolling a brigade (one-half mounted), for the special service which seems now to be necessary. The mounted regiment was organized, and can be ready for the field in a few weeks, should you desire their service. In the mean time, I have authorized the organization, temporarily, of two companies, to aid in guarding the frontier, and, if possible, giving such security as will prevent a general abandonment of their homes by the frontier settlers.

Such militia force as the Government shall find necessary for the removal of these Indians, can be promptly raised here, and will be furnished at short notice, and of the most efficient material.

When I shall have heard officially from Col. Munroe, or Captain Casey, I may again address you, and in the mean time respectfully

ask to be informed of the purposes and intentions of your department, as to the early removal of these Indians from this State.

With the highest consideration,

Your ob't servant,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. John C. Casey.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, January 12, 1856. }

Capt. John C. Casey, U. S. Army :

Sir—Your communication of the 23d of December is received. The companies of Captains Dowan, Sparkman and Kendrick, have been accepted and ordered to the frontier to aid in protecting the settlements. I have not the means of supplying these volunteer companies with rations, etc., promptly, and hope it will be convenient for yourself and Col. Munroe (commanding) to do so temporarily.—So soon as I receive supplies from the War Department, I will communicate with you more fully.

With great respect,

Your ob't servant,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. W. H. Kendrick.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

January 12, 1856. }

Capt. W. H. Kendrick,

Fort Dade, Florida :

Sir—Yours of the 25th and 30th, were received this morning. I recognise your company as in the service of the State from the day on which you commenced active operations on the frontier, and will use my best endeavors to have you allowed for pay and rations from that day. I have addressed a communication to Col. Munroe, asking him to ration the companies if possible. I have no means for promptly paying, but feel great confidence that payment will be made by the United States, and if not, then by the State, at the earliest practicable time.

I approve fully of the course you have adopted, of placing your command on the frontier in detachments, and keeping up a regular scout. This course you will continue to pursue until you receive further orders, rendering at all times the most efficient protection to the frontier settlers. When I shall have had replies from Washington, and an interview with Gen. Johnson, I will be able to say something of the term of service you will be expected to render.

Yours, Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. S. L. Sparkman.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, January 12, 1856. }

Capt. Simon L. Sparkman,

Tampa, Florida :

Sir—Your communication of the 26th of December was received this morning. You will place your company immediately on the frontier, in such detachments as you may deem best for the perfect protection of the lives and property of the frontier inhabitants, and at such points as are most exposed. Your allowance for pay and subsistence will commence from the day on which you enter upon active frontier defence, and payment will be made so soon as the General Government advances the funds, or as the means will be raised in the manner provided by the law of 1853. I am not yet able to limit the length of time that the State may require the services of your command.

So soon as present negotiations are consummated you will receive further orders.

Respectfully, Yours,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. Francis Durrance.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

January 16, 1856. }

Capt. Francis Durrance,

Tampa, Florida :

Sir—Your communication of the 30th ultimo, is this morning received.

The company you have advised me you have enrolled for immediate service, I hereby recognise, and instruct you to keep up a regular scout, and render the most efficient service to the frontier settlers, until you have further orders.

The allowance for pay and subsistence will commence on the day on which you and your command commence active service on the frontier, and will be paid so soon as the United States furnishes means, or the condition of the Treasury will authorize it.

The object contemplated at present is the *protection of the frontier*, and until I can hear from Washington City, and confer with Gen. Johnson, I shall not be able to name the time for which you will consider your company enlisted.

So soon as negotiations now pending are consummated I will cause further orders to be extended.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome to Col. John Monroe.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, January 12, 1856. }

Brevet Col. J. Munroe, U. S. Army,
Commanding in Florida, Tampa, Florida :

Sir—Under date of the 8th inst., I received a communication from the Secretary of War, advising me that you had been authorized, should you deem their services necessary, to call on me for a volunteer force of five companies. The present disarrangement of our mails, and the difficulty of communicating with you promptly, has induced me to tender, in advance of your requisition, the companies of Capt. W. B. Hooker, Capt. Leroy G. Lesley, Capt Abner Johnson, Capt. W. H. Kendrick, Capt. S. L. Sparkman, and Capt. Durrance, should these all be full, and ready for active service, out of which number you will select such companies as you may deem most efficient.

Sharing as I do the anxiety of our people for the protection of our frontier, and the prompt removal of this remnant of Indians, I need hardly assure you that I shall co-operate with you most heartily in such measures as you may adopt to secure these ends.

Tendering you, now, any additional volunteer force you may require,

I am,

Very Respectfully, Yours,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. Wm. B. Hooker.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, January 19, 1856. }

Capt. William B. Hooker,
Fort Meade, Florida :

Sir—Your communication of the 23d inst., covering your roll of officers and men, with a copy of your orders extended to commanders of detachments, was received this morning.

For your promptness, your personal sacrifices, and the efficiency of your organization, please accept my hearty thanks. Your orders and arrangements, generally, as detailed in your letter and copy, are such as meet my approval.

You will please advise me, by an early mail, the names of the officers of your command, as the list furnished embraces the commands of yourself and Capt. Lesley. So soon as both companies are filled up, commissions will be forwarded, and each company considered as in the service of the State, from the day on which active operations were commenced on the frontier, each man being entitled to pay and rations from the day on which he entered on such active service.

I have tendered your command to Col. Munroe, and hope that he will, at an early day, receive you. You will report to him. Capt. Lesley's command is also tendered, so soon as full.

H. A. Crane will be commissioned as Quartermaster and Commissary, with rank of First Lieutenant.

Wishing you success in your efforts to protect the frontier,

I am, Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Hon. Jefferson Davis.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, Fla., January 23d, 1856. }

Hon. Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War,
Washington City, D. C. :

Sir—Your communication of the 8th inst. is received. The requisition of Col. Monroe will be promptly complied with, and any measures adopted for the protection of the frontier and the removal of the Indians, will receive the cordial co-operation of the State Government. The present attitude of the Indians gives evidence that they intend to resist the authority of the Government, and are determined to be removed only by force. This being the case, I hope the Government will act in the matter with energy and promptness.— We have now on the frontier a considerable population, who would dislike to abandon their homes and property, and whose pecuniary interest in the question of removal, would make them the most reliable and efficient forces for that purpose. The organization of a number of companies on the immediate frontier, would give confidence and preserve the present line of settlements. For the purpose of securing so favorable a result, I have accepted temporarily all the companies (six in number) which have reported themselves as ready for service, and ordered them to aid in giving efficient protection to the frontier; and I earnestly hope that such volunteer force as may be tendered from the counties of Hillsborough, Manatee, Hernando, Sumter, Marion, Orange and Brevard, may be accepted by the General Government. One thousand efficient men can be raised in those counties, and with such a force the line of settlements will, I think, be sustained, and the Indians all removed in six months. If, however, a large volunteer force is deemed necessary to secure promptly the removal, any number desired can be obtained at short notice. I am already tendered many companies from different portions of the State. Hoping that the Government will desire to close this long standing source of embarrassment to us by an early removal of the Indians, and that my suggestions in reference to the employ-

ment of a frontier volunteer force will be favorably considered, I am,
 Very Respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Brevet Col. John Monroe, U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 Tallahassee, Fla., February 4th, 1856. }

Brevet Col. John Monroe, U. S. A.,
 Commanding troops in Florida:

Sir—Yours of the 20th ultimo, making requisition for three companies of mounted volunteers and two of foot, to provide for the protection of the frontier and to co-operate with the U. S. troops in enforcing the removal of the Indians remaining in the State, was received on the 2d instant.

I have authorized Gen. Jesse Carter (who I have appointed special agent of the State on the frontier) to tender, in compliance of your requisition, the mounted companies of Capt. W. B. Hooker, Capt. Simon L. Sparkman and Capt. Aaron Jernigan, and should either of these companies be found on inspection to be inefficient in their organization or material, or unprepared for early service, he is authorized to supply the place or places to tendering the companies of Capt. W. H. Kendrick, Capt. F. M. Durrance and Capt. Abner Johnson, in the order in which their names are here given.

Should either of the companies above named or Capt. L. G. Lesley consent, or any two of them, on conferring with Gen. Carter to dismount their command, then Gen. Carter as the State's agent, will tender such dismounted companies as the foot companies required. I have recognized as in the service of the State the companies of Captains Hooker, Sparkman, Durrance, Kendrick and Johnson, and such of these commands as are not received by the United States, will be continued on the frontier, with instructions to co-operate with you efficiently, and if consistent with the authority conferred upon you, I should be glad if you would ration and forage them. I feel confident that they and others will be required for the final removal of the Indians, and will not at present disband them.

The desire of this department is to co-operate fully with you, and no order will be extended to the State volunteers designed to conflict with your plan for removing the Indians. But the State will steadily and anxiously look to removal as the object, and will not be satisfied with further compromise on this point.

Gen. Carter is fully authorized as the State's agent to meet any emergency that may arise by tendering you at any time any portion

of the State's troops either mounted or foot, that may be continued or hereafter raised for this service.

Very Respectfully,
 JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Captain John Addison,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 Tallahassee, Fla., February 15th, 1856. }

Capt. John Addison,
 Manatee, Florida:

Sir—I am in receipt of 31 names enrolled as volunteers to serve under you from the time they are mustered into service by the State or the United States, &c. There is now in service more volunteers than the Government will accept, and the State has no means of provisioning them. The Companies required by the U. S. had to conform to the army standard, 74 privates, one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant, one 2nd Lieutenant, four sergeants, four corporals, two musicians, and no company can be received into the service of the State with a less number, even should an additional necessity arise. You had therefore better fill up your ranks and tender your command to Col. Allen G. Johnson, from whose Brigade any additional companies will probably be taken.

Very Respectfully,
 JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen. Jesse Carter,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 Tallahassee, February 18th, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter, Special Agent,
 Tampa, Florida:

Sir—I am in receipt of communication from Col. Monroe, commanding in Florida, advising that the former requisition for mounted companies was inaccurate or irregular, and asking such modification as may conform to the U. S. standard. You will at all times feel authorized to make such modification as to numbers embraced in companies (either mounted or foot) as may be desired by the U. S. officer in command; and you will further tender from time to time such detachments or parts of companies of woodsmen, boatmen or hunters as the United States officer in command may desire.

I have a communication from Capt. Richard B. Turner, tendering a company of footmen accompanied by the recommendation of sundry respectable citizens of Tampa and by Col. Monroe. I have re-

ferred Capt. Turner to you, and hope you will be able to give him a place.

Yours Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. Richard B. Turner.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, February 18th, 1856. }

Capt. Richard B. Turner,
Tampa, Florida:

Sir—Your favor of the 12th inst. is received this morning. I have appointed Gen. Jesse Carter of Tampa a special agent for the purpose of raising or authorizing the raising of such infantry companies as Col. Monroe may desire; I respectfully refer you to him. I should commission you promptly on the letter received, but for the apprehension that my action might conflict with something done by him in the premises, I hope to hear at an early day that you have been received.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Brevet Col. John Monroe.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, February 18th, 1856. }

Col. John Monroe, U. S. Army,
Commanding troops in Florida, Tampa:

Sir—Your communications of the 11th inst. are received. I have by this day's mail authorized Gen. Jesse Carter, (special agent) to make such modifications in companies (either mounted or foot) tendered to the United States as may be desired by you; and also to tender squads or parts of companies of woodsmen, boatmen and hunters, as you may from time to time desire them.

I have conferred upon Gen. Jesse Carter very full authority to meet your wishes in the way of volunteers, and hope that the efficiency of the service may be increased, by dispensing with the necessity of communicating with this department at so great a distance before requisition from the War department can be complied with. I shall be obliged to you for a communication by each boat, and more frequently should circumstances require.

With high respect, I am,
Yours very truly,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Hon. Jefferson Davis.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, March 15th, 1856. }

Hon. Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War,
Washington City, D. C.:

Sir—My letters from Tampa received by the mail this morning, are to the 4th, and advise me of the murder of Owen Cunningham at Sarasota by Indians on the 3d inst., and that they attacked and burned the residence of Col. Snell. Much excitement existed at Manatee, and the families there were on board of a schooner in the river. This is a wealthy and important frontier settlement, and can only be abandoned at a sacrifice of a large amount of property.

There is no longer any doubt that the Indians have determined upon war, and that each unprotected settlement will in its turn be attacked, plundered and reduced to ashes. Women and children are again to be made the victims of the scalping knife, the scenes of former days are to be acted over in our young State, and all this in the face of the solemn obligation of the Government to remove these our enemies to a place beyond our limits. For more than twenty years our prosperity has been retarded, and a large number of our people have for that long period of time lived in constant apprehension of his treacherous foe. This is enough. I now beg leave to present a solemn appeal to the Government in behalf of our suffering and exposed frontier population. We ask first for prompt and efficient frontier protection, and then for the removal of these Indians. In my letter to you of the 21st of December, I tendered to you so much of Gen. Johnson's brigade as was then raised and ready for service, and in reply you referred me to your communication of the 8th January, in which you advised that Col. Monroe had been authorized to make a requisition for five companies. In my subsequent communication I urged the acceptance by the War Department of all the volunteer companies tendered by the frontier counties, and to that letter I have not yet been honored with a reply; I still recommend the policy then indicated as the most certain to be successful in preserving the line of settlement on the frontier, and the importance of sustaining it can hardly be over-estimated when considered in connexion with a military expedition for the removal of the Indians. The brigade of Gen. Johnson, one half mounted and the other foot, is now nearly ready for active service, in addition to which I have four mounted companies on the frontier aiding in its protection. These four, with any additional force required, I will tender at any time, and hope to hear at an early day that they have been received.

With a frontier of over three hundred miles to guard, and an area of over ten thousand square miles of earth and water to traverse in quest of five hundred savages, divided off into squads of five to ten,

who are well acquainted with every swamp and hammock, the present force will be found entirely inadequate and offers nothing on which we can rely for protection. Under such circumstances it is made my duty by law, to ascertain the intentions of the Government in regard to the removal of the Indians from this State, and in the event of its declining to act efficiently, with that view to undertake the removal by the State. Should such a movement become necessary it may involve a call of an extra session of the General Assembly, and the organization of an additional force, and renders it very desirable that I should be favored with your views on this subject at as early a day as convenient. While I should most heartily deprecate the necessity for a movement by the State in this matter, I should with great pleasure co-operate with you and those under your orders, in bringing to a close this long protracted and unpleasant difficulty.

I have the honor to be most respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, March 18th, 1856.

SIR—Your report, under date of the 29th ult., is received. Having no report of the location of the regular troops or volunteers in the service of the United States, I am unable to instruct you as to the propriety of your disposition of the State forces. In disposing of the State troops, you should have special reference to the protection of such points, whether on the Atlantic or Gulf side of the Peninsula, as are left exposed by the disposition made by the commanding officer of the United States' forces. I notice that you have ordered "one-half of each company to be actively employed on the frontier, while the remaining half should be encouraged in planting and cultivating, to be relieved alternately as the commanders may deem advisable." This order is liable to serious objection. We want the United States to pay these parties, and it is not likely that we shall get our accounts passed for a full company when only one-half are in service, and even if no pay is required, except for the time while in the field, the disproportion of officers to privates would operate as a bar to our recovery. Again, it is not fair to reduce the force, while other sections of the State are calling for protection which I have not the ability to grant. If the organization of companies on the frontier interferes with the agricultural interest to such an extent as to forbid the organization of such companies to be preserved, it would be better to muster them out and let me supply their places from the interior. Should such a course be deemed necessary, I can furnish substitutes at short notice. So far, then, as

the order is concerned, you will please countermand it, and notify the commanding officers that the State troops must be at all times prompt and ready at an hour's notice to march in pursuit of the enemy. I have urged upon the Federal Government the prompt acceptance of the force now on the frontier, and shall continue to urge it, with such additions as may be deemed necessary for the early expulsion of the Indians. Should my last appeal be unsuccessful, I fear I shall be left no alternative but to convene the General Assembly in extra session and ask for the means necessary to reduce the Indians. Early after receiving replies to my letter of the 15th, addressed to the War Department, I propose to visit Tampa in person, when I will confer with you and Col. Monroe fully.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob'dt serv't,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Col. Jesse Carter, Special Agent, Tampa, Fla.

From Gov. Broome to Col. S. J. Perry.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
March 18, 1856. }

Col. S. J. Perry, Indian River, Florida :

Sir—Your letter of the 4th ultimo, with the petition of sundry citizens, was received on my return from Madison a few days since. If the order withdrawing the United States forces from Fort Capron has *not been countermanded*, you can proceed to raise a company for service in that part of the Peninsula lying between Miami and Jernigan's command. This company to serve until mustered out. I am not however able to promise you either pay or rations. I have no money and no means left me of getting any except on State 6 per cent bonds at par, which is an impossibility. If the Government does not act efficiently at an early day, I shall be compelled to convene the Legislature in extra session, to provide means for protecting the frontier and removing the Indians. It would be well to report your company to Gen. Johnson when organized.

Yours, very respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
March 19th 1856. }

SIR—Your Communication of the 4th is at hand this morning.—By last mail I received intelligence of the murder of Owen Cunningham, and the destruction of Col. Snell's property, and by the same mail other letters from you. The mustering in of a detachment is

approved. My appeal to the War Department under date of the 15th is of the most urgent and decided character, and contains a request to be informed definitely what the Government intends doing. On the receipt of a reply, I may find it necessary to convene the General Assembly. I shall to-morrow order 2000 bushels of corn, 30 bbls. of Pork, and 50 bbls. of flour or its equivalent in bread. This you must distribute to the most needy commands, keeping a proper account of it. It is all that I can raise the means to purchase at present. I shall probably visit you in April.

Yours, very respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, March 29, 1856. }

MESSRS. E. G. ROGERS & Co., New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose the check of W. R. Pettes, Agt. F. and E. Bank, of Charleston, S. C., on State Bank of La., for sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.) I also enclose the check of H. L. Rutgers, Agent S. W. R. Bank, on the Cashier of the Bank of Commerce, N. Y., for thirty-three hundred and fifty-eight 82-100 dollars, (\$3,358 82.) Both checks are endorsed to your order. You will please collect the former and sell the latter to the best advantage. Pass the proceeds to the credit of the State of Florida, keeping the account in such manner as to be able to furnish me a statement of discounts or premiums, as the case may be. These amounts you will hold for investment on the order of Jesse Carter, Special Agent of the State of Florida, at Tampa, until such order is received, or until further orders from this Department. You will, if possible, so arrange as to transport promptly such supplies to Tampa as may be ordered by the State's Agent at that place.

Yours, very respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, March 22d, 1856. }

MESSRS. E. G. ROGERS & Co., New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose you a check on New York for \$1,800, which please invest to the best advantage in the following articles:
50 barrels S. F. Flour,
25 " Mess Pork,
1,200 bushels Corn,
1,000lbs. Rio Coffee.

These articles you will consign to Gen. Jesse Carter, Special Agent of the State, Tampa, and do not fail to ship them on the return trip of the Steamer. They are much wanted for the subsistence of some State troops, stationed on the frontier of Manatee and Hillsborough Counties, and their early arrival is very important. You will effect insurance and retain the freight. If the articles desired should be high and the funds sent prove insufficient for the purchase and freight leave off corn enough to make up the deficiency as Gen. C. may not be in funds for the freight. You will please forward a copy of the invoice to Gen. Carter, Tampa, and two to me at this place. The purchases are for the account of the State of Florida, and should be so invoiced. I fear I shall have to do this business very extensively in your city soon, and am disposed to offer it to you as long as it is mutually agreeable. Don't fail to ship in your steamer of the 10th, as the supplies will then be entirely out.

Yours very respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, March 29th, 1856. }

GEN. JESSE CARTER, Special Agent, Tampa, Fla.:

SIR—I have this day remitted to Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co., of New Orleans, one check on the State Bank of La. for \$1,600, one check on Bank of Commerce, N. Y., for sale, \$3,358 82, which I have instructed them to pass to the credit of this State and hold proceeds subject to your order (as Agent for the State) for investment. That you may be more fully informed, I enclose you a copy of my letter to them.

It may be necessary for me to repair to Washington city in person. If so, I shall not visit Tampa in April, as contemplated at the date of my last. Keep all your accounts in triplicate, and let everything be done in the most accurate manner. Advise me regularly, and forward me a copy of each order made on Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co. for supplies. Request them to effect insurance and pre pay freight.

You will use the funds deposited to your order for supplies for the troops in the service of the State.

On the 20th ult. I received from E. J. Knight, of Hernando county, a tender of a foot company, and on the same day advised him to report to you, and that there was a prospect of your placing his command. Since then I have heard nothing on the subject. Will you enquire after this matter?

Yours, very respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, March 31st, 1856.

GEN. JESSE CARTER, Special Agt., Tampa, Fla.:

SIR—Yours of the 14th, reporting the muster of Capt. Lesley's company and the manner in which it is distributed, is to hand this morning, and your action in the matter fully approved.

Very respectfully, y'rs, &c.,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, March 31st, 1856.

GEN. JESSE CARTER, Special Agt., Tampa, Fla.:

SIR—Yours of the 15th inst., reporting Capt. Jernigan's company as mustered into the service of the United States on the 10th, and your progress in the way of raising the foot companies, was received this morning and your action fully approved.

Yours, very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, March 31st, 1856. }

Gen. JESSE CARTER, Special Agent, Tampa, Fla.

SIR—Yours of the 15th inst., making a requisition for Rifles and ammunition, is received. I have instructed Col. Hugh Archer, Quartermaster, to forward by next Steamer the best substitute for the rifles required, that the Armory will supply. This will probably be carbines, which I hope you will find efficient. It is doubtful whether the steamer would at this point receive powder, and I have concluded that it would be best to rely for ammunition temporarily on Tampa, and that you order from New Orleans.

Yours truly,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
March 31st 1856. }

Gen. JESSE CARTER, Special Agent, Tampa, Florida:

SIR—Yours of the 15th inst., urging payments for supplies furnished the Volunteers on the frontier was received this morning. On receipt of your communication advising me that Col. Monroe had declined to ration the State forces, I made provision for their subsis-

tence to the extent of nearly eight thousand dollars, advices of which you will have received prior to the receipt of this. You will please procure the accounts for supplies furnished on the frontier, made out in triplicate and properly authenticated, and forward to me at your earliest convenience, and what can be done, will be towards their payment. From the Seminary and School funds, and the Contingent fund, I can yet supply probably four thousand dollars. That amount will have exhausted all the resources of the State as far as I have authority to command them. I shall leave to-night by way of Savannah and Charleston for Washington City. In the former cities I shall try to open such credits as will meet emergencies, and in the latter, I shall make an effort to produce proper action on the part of the Government. Under the decision of Judge Baker, the President of the Senate is authorized without additional qualification to discharge the duties of Executive, and if anything occurs requiring special interposition, call upon him up to the 16th April, by which time I hope to be back at my post.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Gen. Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, April 26th, 1856.

GEN. JESSE CARTER, Special Ag't, Tampa:

SIR—I have arrived, but am too unwell to write you at length today. The drafts have been endorsed and forwarded as requested. I refer you to the Floridian of to-day for the result of my visit to Washington. I have authorized Capt. Addison to add five men to his command, which you will please muster. If the footmen required are not supplied, advise me and I will tender those from Marion or Putnam counties.

Yours, very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to Capt. Enoch Daniels

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, May 2d, 1856.

Capt. ENOCH DANIELS,

Long Pond, Florida:

SIR—On my return from Washington, a few days since, I received your letter of the 8th ultimo, and more recently one from various citizens detailing the same circumstance. I have instructed Captain Wright of Columbia to take a detachment of his company and thoroughly examine the Gulf Hammock, if there are any Indians there to capture them, and if none to report the fact that the county may be quieted. It is singular that Indians should have been in that

Hammock, one hundred and fifty miles from the frontier, for nearly three months, and you profess to have a company scouting and have not caught them. If they are there I will have them caught, but the idea of raising a company and locating it to protect a county in the interior, with a dense population all around it, when I have not means to feed the troops protecting the frontier, is preposterous.— In conclusion I must tell you plainly that under no circumstances whatever could I give you a commission, and if you have men enrolled with any expectation of pay or subsistence from the State, you had better disband them. Should circumstances arise to require a company in Levy county, you cannot command it.

Respectfully, &c.,

JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gov. Broome to the Secretary of War.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, May 16th, 1856.

SIR—There is no longer reason to doubt the presence of Indians, in considerable force, in the Great Gulf Hammock and Suwannee Swamp, in Levy county, nearly one hundred and fifty miles above your line of operations. Notwithstanding many strong representations made to me from that county, accompanied by urgent appeals for protection, I remained, until very recently, incredulous. For the purpose of giving confidence to the inhabitants of that county, and of ferreting out the perpetrator of what I considered a wicked hoax, I ordered, on the 26th ult., Capt. Wright, of Columbia, to take a detachment of reliable men and proceed to the Gulf Hammock, and to scour that and other suspected places in Levy, to kill or capture Indians, if found, and to report fully at an early day. I have his report, dated 6th inst., from Martin's Island, where he had taken a position to await reinforcements. He discovered promptly Indian trails, so numerous and of such size as to satisfy him that they were there in force, and that it would be dangerous to follow them with his detachment, numbering only twenty men.

I have ordered the balance of Capt. Wright's company, and an additional company from Columbia county, to move at once to his aid, and to capture or destroy the Indians there, if possible. Such portion of the State troops as could be spared from the frontier are, by special request of Col. Monroe, co-operating with the U. S. troops in the Big Cypress, and I have therefore been compelled to order out these additional companies temporarily for this service. There is now but little doubt that the number of Indians remaining in the State is much larger than has been supposed, and that large additions to the foot and boat service will be necessary. For such service in the Everglades and Big Cypress the regular pay of footmen is no compensation, and I would respectfully urge the propriety of

increasing the compensation for that particular service to at least twenty dollars per month, if such a change is within your powers, and, if not, that you ask such additional legislation as will leave you the necessary discretion in the matter.

I beg leave, in conclusion, to renew the suggestion made when in your city recently, that you modify your arrangement of rewards as to embrace Indians under as well as over ten years of age. Reflection has but confirmed me in the opinion that a modification which would embrace all ages and conditions would serve the cause of humanity and aid in bringing the war to an early and successful termination.

With high regard,

I am your ob'dt serv't,

JAMES E. BROOME.

GEN. JEFFERSON DAVIS,

Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

From Gov. Broome to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, May 7th, 1856.

Capt. F. M. DURRANCE,

Care Gen. Carter, Special Agent, Tampa :

SIR—Gen. Carter, the State's Special Agent, reports to me that his order on you for thirty men, under date of the 16th ult., to report to the United States' officer commanding troops at Carloosahatchie immediately, had not been acknowledged on the 28th ult., the date of his letter. I have to ask that you will report to me immediately, through Gen. Carter, the Special Agent, the reason of your failure to report to his requisition. His orders must receive prompt obedience, or the accompanying disobeying must be immediately mustered out of the service of the State, and its place supplied by another. I shall expect your report made promptly on receipt of this.

Respectfully, &c.,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Gov. Broome to Col. Munroe.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 8th, 1856. }

SIR—A copy of your communication of the 16th April, addressed to Gen. Carter, Special Agent, was forwarded to this office, and informs me that the collected force of the Seminole Indians has been ascertained to be in the Big Cypress. That they have met and fought a portion of Major Arnold's command encourages the hope that with a prompt, vigorous and continued effort they may be

caught. They have, doubtless, many other such hiding places as the one in which they were found, and, when you again meet them, it may be a point far distant from that; but, if the pursuit could be continued with such a force as from ten to fifteen companies, with a proper number of boats, by which means different portions of the Everglades and Big Cypress could be traversed at the same time, you would impress them with your capacity and determination to find them and to capture or destroy them. I have always believed that, to induce a surrender of the Indians, the capture of their women and children would be necessary. This is not likely to be effected without a vigorous and continued pursuit, and with such force as would induce them that you would succeed. For effective operations against them there is no time more propitious than the summer months, provided you have troops who can stand the climate. For such a purpose and for such a season I fear the unacclimatized regular forces, comprising so large a share of your command, will be found inefficient. I therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of your applying for authority (unless you already have it) to make your requisition for such volunteer forces as in your judgment the service may require. Mounted companies I could supply at short notice to any extent desired, and can now comply with your requisition for footmen to the extent of 8 or 10 companies, should you desire so many. A large force of footmen for active boat service, I respectfully suggest, will be found indispensable to success. A regular and continued pursuit of their women and children, by forces who can stand the climate in June, July, August and September, will, I feel confident, terminate this protracted difficulty and effect the removal of the Indians, while an inefficient force will be entirely valueless. It will give me great pleasure to meet your requisitions, when made, and co-operate with you in all measures calculated to lead to an early termination of this troublesome difficulty.

I have ventured the foregoing suggestions with entire respect for your better informed opinions, and with no idea of embarrassing you in your plan of operations.

With high regard,
Your ob'dt servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

COL. JOHN MUNROE, U. S. A.,
Commanding Troops in Fla.

From Gov. Broome to Col. M. Whit Smith.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
May 10th, 1856. }

Col. M. WHIT SMITH, Alligator, Florida:

SIR—Your two communications of the 8th inst., are this moment

received. The letter of Capt. Wright which you enclose is full and reliable, and leaves no doubt of the fact that there are Indians in considerable force in Levy County. Your action in sending forward ten men to the aid of Capt. Wright in advance of special instructions is approved. You will immediately dispatch to Capt. Wright the residue of his command, or so much of it as can be concentrated, and if it cannot be filled up at once you will authorize him to fill it by incorporating a detachment under Mr. Enoch Daniels, should he have it raised, assigning him such command as he may deem advisable, not higher than Lieutenant.

You will also dispatch to the scene of operations another company connected with the Independent or Johnson Brigade. In selecting this additional company for this service you will have special reference to dispatch and efficiency. Should the company be full without the incorporation of the detachment under Mr. Daniels, and you consider the services of Mr. Daniels important, you will accept him with a detachment, assigning him a command not higher than Lieutenant, and placing him under the orders of the Senior Captain detailed for this special business. The companies above authorized will act for the present as independent commands, but co-operating with each other, and are required to make a thorough investigation of all places in and adjacent to Levy County, in which it is supposed that Indians are secreted or remaining. They will be expected without delay to enter upon this duty, and on finding trails, or other evidence of the enemy's presence, to pursue them with energy, until they are overtaken and captured. This portion of this communication you will communicate in the nature of instructions to the Captains Commanding. The Commands will from time to time report through you to this department, and the Companies will be considered in the service of the State until further orders.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Col. M. Whit Smith.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
May 10, 1856. }

Col. M. Whit Smith,
Alligator, Florida:

Sir—Referring you to my general letter of instructions, of this date, I have now to add that there is urgent necessity for a commissary for the two companies ordered to the county of Levy. I ask that you will act temporarily as that officer, with such rank and emolument as pertains to that office. This will not interfere with our proper rank in the brigade, should its services be required. I enclose you five checks on New York, for one hundred dollars

each, as a temporary provision for supplies. You will take vouchers in triplicate for all purchases made; retain one copy, and forward two to this department. You will in like manner preserve and forward vouchers for supplies distributed. When cattle, and other live stock are taken for subsistence, you will preserve marks and brands, and estimate weights with as much accuracy as possible.

You will acknowledge the receipt of these communications and checks, and signify your acceptance of the appointment tendered, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully, Yours, &c.,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From the same to the same.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
May 16, 1856. }

Col. M. Whit Smith,

Alligator, Columbia Co., Florida:

Sir—Your despatch of the 14th inst. has been received. My impression is, that for the present, one physician will be found sufficient for the two companies ordered to Levy county. I have seen, within a day or two, letters from an intelligent gentleman of that county, who still believes that even Capt. Wright is mistaken, and will find no Indians there, and that all this evidence of Indians is manufactured to order by bad men, who want employment and subsistence. Should Indians be found there, and you find an additional physician necessary, you will feel yourself authorized to employ one, reporting the fact to this Department.

Hoping to hear of an early movement and successful expedition,
I am, Yours,

Very Respectfully, &c.,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Col. S. St. George Rogers.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, May 31, 1856. }

Col. S. St. George Rogers,

Ocala, Florida:

Sir—The Secretary of State reports to me the following companies as commissioned for the foot regiment of the Johnson Brigade:

- No. 3—Abram Rivers, Captain, Post office not known;
- " 4—Wm. H. Watson, " Columbus;
- " 5—Henry R. Hall, " Alligator;
- " 8—Alex. J. Cassady, " Adamsville;
- " 9—Thomas Hughey, " Mellonville.

Col. Smith reported to me some eight or nine companies without

giving names. These are, however, all that the Secretary of State reports as in commission. I want six foot companies to be in readiness for tender to Col. Munroe, at an early day, and consider the companies composing the brigade entitled to the preference.

Will you advise me on the subject, at your earliest convenience.

With high respect,
Your obt' servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, May 31, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,

Special Agent of the State of Florida,

Tampa, Florida:

Sir—Your two communications of the 17th inst., are this morning to hand. One giving information of the murder of Capt. Bradley's children, and the other of the murder of Mr. Roach and Mr. Starling. Disasters seem to be thickening upon us, and call for vigorous movements. In some letters recently received from Hernando, it is stated that all the *available* force is sent to the Big Cypress. My recollection is that you reported a call for one hundred and fifty men for that service, and that sixty-eight were dispatched out of that number. Will you advise me at your earliest convenience the number of men stationed on the frontier of each of the counties of Manatee, Hillsborough, Hernando and Sumpter, after deducting those detailed for service in the Everglades, &c. How many of these are in the service of the State, and how many in the service of the United States?

The excitement in Levy county was so great that I ordered two companies there, with instructions to scour the Gulf Hammock, Suwannee Swamp, and other suspected places in that county and vicinity. Keep a look out for the Indians as they pass south from that point.

I hope soon to hear that Col. Munroe has acted on my suggestions of the 8th inst. Advise me when you will want additional funds placed in New Orleans.

Yours,
Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From the same to the same.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, June 3, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,
Tampa, Florida :

Sir—By the last mail steamer I received your two letters of the 17th, one of the 23d, and four of the 27th ult., covering various copies of orders, letters, etc., all of which are duly noted.

One of your communications of the 27th, covered a petition of sundry citizens of Tampa, asking the recognition of a company partly mounted, to be mustered at that place for a special service. It would give me great pleasure to meet the wishes of yourself and the citizens of Tampa, if I could do so consistently with my duties to others; but I cannot in this instance. An increase of mounted troops at this time, I have no doubt would prejudice, if not wholly defeat an appropriation for the pay of the companies already in service. The impression now existing, not only at the War Department, but in portions of our own State, is, that we have more mounted force than can be profitably employed. I have heard of representations to this effect going to Washington. We cannot go before the Department, or Congress, and say that eight mounted companies are not, at least, a liberal provision for frontier protection, and we cannot urge that mounted men should be received for service in the Big Cypress and Everglades, for it is known that horses cannot be used there, and that footmen and boats are required. We cannot base our claim for pay upon our ability to show that the mounted men have been, up to this time, of great value; for it is true, so far as I have been informed, that no marauding party has been detected and overtaken, until after the commission of their depredation—that the frontier has not been secured—and that, with the exception of the brilliant expedition of Capt. Addison and his associates, no Indians have been caught or killed.

While I am far from attributing this want of success to a lack of courage or energy on the part of our mounted volunteers, I cannot resist the impression that an increase of this force, under the circumstances, would have a prejudicial effect on the action of Congress. But if this objection did not exist, there are eight companies already raised, and awaiting orders, which I am unable to extend, and from these I should be constrained to detail a company, or do them great injustice by postponing them, in favor of a newly raised company.

Your communication of the 19th, covering Col. Munroe's requisition, of which you advise, has not been received, and you will please forward me duplicate by steamer. When it is received, and the re-

quisition for footmen filled, the balance of your mounted force can be placed on the frontier, and such detachment or company as may be desirable for the service indicated, can be detailed.

With great respect,
Your ob't servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From the same to the same

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, June 13, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,
Tampa, Florida :

Sir—I have but a moment to say, that I enclose you five checks on New Orleans, for one hundred dollars each, drawn by H. L. Rutgers, agent. These you will sell to the best advantage, and pass proceeds to the credit of the State of Florida.

By the return steamer you will feel authorized to make an order on Messrs. Post & Mel, of New Orleans, for supplies to the extent of three thousand dollars, Messrs. Rogers & Co. having failed. This amount will be at your credit with Post & Mel.

I will write you more fully, soon.

Yours, Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From the same to the same.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, July 18, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,
Tampa, Florida :

Sir—I am advised by Capt. Thomas Hughey, of Mellonville, that he has a large part of a foot company, and can soon have the balance, if arrangements for provisioning them can be made. I have advised him to report to you, and hope Col. Munroe will facilitate his movements. I have waited long for the Colonel's requisition for five companies, but have no advice of it yet. The trouble and expense of raising one company is nearly the same as of ten, and as I have expected the requisition I have made no efforts for the one. I hope the policy of the Government on this subject will be changed. I shall never be able to supply men, if I am to raise one company at a time. And, further, the difficulty of getting footmen at the present pay should induce Col. Munroe, if he really wants footmen, to give me his requisition, that I may have time allowed me to raise them. I hope you will urge the matter upon his attention.

Yours, Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Capt. Thomas Hughey.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, July 18, 1856. }

Capt. Thomas Hughey,
Mellonville, Florida :

Dear Sir—Your letter of the 7th inst., is received. Go on and engage the balance of your company as promptly as possible, and report to Gen. Jesse Carter, Special Agent, at Tampa, who will have you mustered by a United States officer into the service of the United States. They will send to any point, when you notify them that you can be ready, and will ration your command from the day they muster you. So you can notify your men to meet at some point on a particular day, leaving time for the mail to go to Tampa, and a mustering officer to return.

I shall write Gen. Carter, by this mail, that you will soon be ready.

Yours, Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Tallahassee, July 29, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,
Tampa, Florida :

Sir—By this mail you will receive through the Secretary of State, a commission as one of my aids, with the rank of Colonel, to continue during the Executive pleasure. I have assigned you a Major's command, to be composed of the companies remaining in the service of the State, which were mustered by you as Special Agent, viz: Captains Kendrick, Johnson, Durrance, Lesley and Addison, and you will be entitled to a Major's compensation from the day on which you qualify under this commission. Your duties as Special Agent will be continued as heretofore, but the per diem compensation as Special Agent will be discontinued when you qualify under this commission. As Major you will consider yourself as charged with the duties heretofore discharged by you as Special Agent, in addition to those incident to your command. Yours, and that of Col. M. Whit Smith, will each be an independent command, acting under instructions from this department. It is desired, however, and expected, and Col. Smith has been so advised, that there will be such harmonious co-operation as will at all times promote the interest of the State and success of the service. You will, at an early day, (should Col. Munroe decline to do so,) make such disposition of your forces as will enable you to furnish suitable protection to the

settlements on Lake Griffin, by establishing a post at old Fort Matson, or at such other point as you may deem better suited for that purpose.

You will require of the companies under your command a vigorous and energetic service. You will enforce the strictest obedience to all orders extended. You will give reasonable and proper protection to the frontier, but you will never lose sight of the fact that the best and only permanent protection will be found in the capture, or extermination of the enemy, and with reference to this object you will shape your course of action.

You will bear in mind that the policy of the State has been, and will continue to be aggressive as well as defensive, and that no troops have been or will be authorized for a purely local service.

With high regard,
Yours, Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Hon. Jeff. Davis.

TAMPA, FLORIDA, }
August 14, 1856. }

To the Hon. Jefferson Davis,
Secretary of War,

Washington City, D. C. :

Sir—I have been spending several days in this place with a view of conferring fully with Col. Munroe, on the subject of a winter campaign, which, in my judgment, should be commenced early in October, with a force sufficient to terminate the war.

While I have to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy of Col. Munroe, and his anxiety to adopt all proper measures for this purpose, I understand from him that no call for his estimates of the force necessary has been made, and that beyond the requisition already received by me, he is not prepared now to speak. That a greatly increased force "can be profitably employed in the next campaign, I entertain no doubt; and that such increase will be found absolutely necessary to its efficiency and success."

The volunteer forces for such increase is yet to raise, and I respectfully suggest that in case you propose to require estimates from the commanding officer, on which to base requisitions, that such estimates be called for at once, and thus allow me as much time as possible to furnish companies composed of the right kind of material.—I would again respectfully urge upon you the importance of embracing in your system of rewards, children under ten years of age. It is now nearly certain that the warriors will not be taken alive, and without some prospective remuneration, contingent upon success, foot companies will be hard to raise at eleven dollars per month,

when each man could be employed doing lighter work on the rail roads, at nearly double that price.

I would also respectfully renew my suggestions for an increase of compensation to foot companies. The character of the service is peculiar and very laborious, and subjects the men to extraordinary exposure and hazards. On this point I have no doubt you can receive the most satisfactory assurances from your commanding officer.

With great respect,

Your ob't servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen. Carter.

TAMPA, Florida, }
August 10, 1855. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,

Tampa, Florida.

Sir—I herewith hand you a copy of a requisition made on me by Bt. Col. John Munroe, commanding troops in Florida, for three companies of foot troops to operate against the Seminole Indians; which requisition you will proceed to fill at your earliest convenience.—Should Capt. Turner desire to present a company, he will be preferred as one, and should Capts. Bell and Hughey be ready with their commands, they will be received, and, in default of either, their places will be supplied by recruits from this or other States, without reference to location.

Very Respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.) TAMPA, Florida, }
August 26, 1856. }

Gen. JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida,
Tampa, Fla.

Sir—You will please confer with Bt. Col. John Munroe, commanding in Florida, on the subject of an efficient protection to the mail line between Tampa and Ocala, and in case he is not in condition to furnish such protection, you will detail such volunteer force for that purpose as may in your judgment be sufficient to secure the regular transmission of the United States mail between these points.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Messrs. Post & Mel.

(COPY.)

TAMPA, Florida, }
August 25, 1856. }

Messrs. Post & Mel:

Gentlemen—I am at this place detained by the grounding of a steamer, and may not reach home before the middle of September. The State's Special Agent here desires to make an order for subsistence at once. You will therefore place at the credit of General Jesse Carter, Special Agent, two thousand dollars, for investment as he may direct, forwarding duplicate invoice to me at Tallahassee. This amount I will remit you on my arrival at Tallahassee.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Col. M. Whit Smith.

(COPY.)

TAMPA, Florida, }
August 26, 1856. }

Col. M. Whit Smith,

Major Commanding, &c.:

Sir—I am much in want of three foot companies for the service of the United States. Understanding that Capt. Hull has reported a full company, and Capt. Bell sixty, or more, men. You will please report their commands to Gen. Jesse Carter, Special Agent at Tampa, who will arrange with the United States officer in command, for their place of rendezvous and muster.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

(COPY.)

TAMPA, Florida, }
August 26, 1856. }

Gen. JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida:

Sir—You will refuse peremptorily to receive any man into the service of the State, either as an officer or private who is habitually intemperate in his habits, and you will require of each commander the prompt discharge of any man under his command, who is guilty of drunkenness to such extent as to disqualify him to pursue efficiently, and at a moment's notice, any party of Indians, or to perform

promptly any service required of him. You will regard the failure of any commander to carry out these instructions as good and sufficient cause for his discharge from the service of the State.

Respectfully,
JAMES E. BKOOME,
 Governor of Florida.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Col. M. Whit Smith.

(COPY.)

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 Tallahassee, September 9, 1856. }

Col. M. Whit Smith,

Major Commanding Special Battalion :

Sir—You will, at the earliest practicable day, report and tender to Gen. Jesse Carter, Special Agent of the State, at Tampa, such companies or parts of companies of foot troops as you may have recruited under my order of June last. You will muster out of the service of the State, the company of mounted men commanded by Captain A. A. Stewart. You will instruct Capt. H. Smith to report his command immediately to Gen. Jesse Carter, Agent, and to file with him a complete muster roll, or copy of his muster roll. You will further proceed, without delay, to arrange and present your accounts and vouchers as commissary, or recruiting officer, to this Department, for adjustment and settlement.

Respectfully, Yours, &c.,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen Jesse Carter.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 Tallahassee, September 13, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,

Special Agent of the State of Florida,

Tampa, Florida :

Sir—You will receive herewith a copy of my order of the 9th inst., addressed to Col. M. Whit Smith, then present, instructing him to report all foot companies raised, to you, and also requiring him to instruct Capt. H. Smith, of his command, to report to you.—Should you find it necessary, under my late order on that subject, to undertake to guard the United States mail, on the route between Ocala and Tampa, an additional company of mounted men may be required, and as this company is now there, it may be desirable to detail such portion of it as may be necessary for that service.

I have advices from Col. S. J. Perry, that he expects soon to be able to tender a foot company, and it will become desirable that Col.

Munroe tender his additional requisition, as Col. Smith will probably report nearly four companies to you.

Very Respectfully,
 Your ob't servant,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From his Excellency James E. Broome, to Gen. Jesse Carter.

[(COPY.)

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
 Tallahassee, September 30, 1856. }

Gen. Jesse Carter,

Special Agent of the State of Florida,

Tampa, Florida :

Sir—Your communication of the 6th was received this morning. I am not able at the moment to place at your disposal the amount of money which you desire. I will, however, remit to Messrs. Post & Mel, New Orleans, subject to your order, three thousand dollars, which, with the two thousand ordered while in Tampa, will furnish you five thousand dollars' worth of subsistence for your fall campaign. You are also authorized to certify, in triplicate, purchases of forage on the frontier, and attach thereto your order on the Treasurer of the State of Florida, to the extent of five thousand dollars. These will be paid in *cash, on presentation.*

I desire to confer with Gen. Harney who has been ordered out before negotiations for additional amounts of money, etc.

Yours, very truly,
JAMES E. BROOME.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

TAMPA, Dec. 30, 1855.

DEAR SIR—I have this moment had an interview with Captain Francis M. Durance, a citizen of Pease Creek. He informs me that he has organized a company of 73 mounted men, which he reports to you for immediate frontier service. His company is composed of citizens of that immediate vicinity, who have determined *not to fall back from their line.* This meets the entire sentiment of the people of the county. We all encourage this stand. Captain Durance has the confidence of the people of the country, and is in all respects qualified for a commander in this service, and I take pleasure in recommending him and his command to your favor.

Respectfully your ob't. svt.,
JESSE CARTER.

His Excellency **JAMES E. BROOME,** Gov'r., &c.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb'y 14th, 1856.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of an appointment from you, of date the 4th inst., as a Special Agent of the State of Florida, without military rank, and charged with the performance of such duties as may from time to time be required of me by the Executive authority, as also your written instructions of the same date, which I accept and on this day enter upon the discharge of the duties assigned. I shall take pleasure in carrying out the policy and instructions of the Executive authority of the State on Indian relations, when commanded.

Very respectfully,
Your ob'dt servant,
JESSE CARTER.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor, Tallahassee, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Capt. J. L. Sparkman.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, Feb. 14, 1856. }

SIR—I will accompany Capt. Pratt, U. S. A., on Monday next, for the purpose of inspecting and mustering out of the service of the State of Florida your volunteer mounted company. It will consist of 1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant, 1 Second Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Buglers and 1 Farrier, and in efficiency, equipments, &c., must conform to the regulations of the U. S. Army. Your service will date from the day you entered upon actual service. You will please hold your company in readiness.

By order of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Capt. J. L. SPARKMAN,
Ichepucksassa, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Durrance,

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, February 14, 1856. }

SIR—I will attend at Fort Meade in the course of next week, say about Thursday the 21st, for the purpose of mustering your company into the service of the State of Florida from the day you commenced actual service till transferred to the service of the United States, or discharged. You will therefore hold your company in

readiness. Your company will consist of 1 Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2d Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Buglers, 1 Farrier, and 74 privates, and in efficiency and equipment will be required to conform to the regulations of the army of the United States.

By order of the Governor.

[Signed,] JESSE CARTER,
Special agent of the State of Florida.

Capt. F. M. DURRANCE,
Fort Meade, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Hoeker.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, February 14, 1856. }

SIR—I will attend at Fort Meade in the course of next week, say about Thursday, the 21st inst., for the purpose of inspecting and mustering out of the service of the State of Florida, your company of mounted Volunteers from the date you entered upon actual service to the day you mustered into the service of the U. S.

Your Company will consist of 1 Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2d Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Buglers, 1 Farrier and 74 privates and in efficiency, equipments, &c., must conform to the regulations of the army of the United States.

You will hold your company in readiness.

By order of the Governor.

[Signed,] JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Capt. WM. B. HOOLER,
Fort Meade, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Capt. L. G. Lesley.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, Fla., Feb. 14, 1856. }

SIR—I will attend at Fort Meade in the course of next week, say about Thursday the 21st inst., for the purpose of inspecting and mustering your company of mounted volunteers into the service of the State of Florida, from the day you entered upon actual service till transferred to the service of the United States or discharged.

Your company will consist of 1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant, 1 Second Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Buglers, 1 Farrier and 74 privates, and in efficiency and equipments must conform to the regulations of the army of the United States.

You will hold your company in readiness.

By order of the Governor.

Capt. L. G. LESLEY,
Fort Meade, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Capt. Abner Johnson.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, Feb. 15, 1856. }

SIR—I will attend at Fort Dade on the 26th inst. for the purpose of inspecting and mustering your company of mounted volunteers into the service of the State of Florida from the day you entered upon actual service till transferred to the service of the U. S. or discharged.

Your company will consist of 1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant, 1 Second Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Buglers, 1 Farrier, and 74 privates, and in efficiency, equipments, &c., must conform to the regulations of the army of the United States.

You will hold your company in readiness.

By order of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, State of Florida.

Capt. ABNER JOHNSTON,
Pilatlakaha, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, February 15, 1856. }

SIR—I will attend at Fort Dade on the 27th inst., for the purpose of inspecting and mustering your company of mounted Volunteers into the service of the State of Florida, from the day you entered upon actual service till transferred to the service of the United States or discharged.

Your Company will consist of one Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2d Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Buglers, 1 Farrier, and 74 privates, and in efficiency and equipments, &c., must conform to the regulations of the army of the U. S.

You will hold your company in readiness.

By order of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Capt. WM. H. KENDRICK,
Fort Dade, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

[COPY.]

FORT MEADE, Florida, Feb. 22d, 1856.

SIR—You are hereby authorized to purchase, on the faith of the State of Florida, for your company of mounted volunteers in the service of the State, such supplies as you may be able to procure from the inhabitants at reasonable rates, according to circumstances now existing, giving vouchers therefor, and see that such purchases are properly issued. You will procure the service of teams, as necessity requires, to transport your supplies to your company's head-quarters, at terms reasonable, giving vouchers for the same. You will report to me your acts herein, and furnish me with duplicates of all vouchers given.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

Capt. F. M. DURRANCE,
Comd'g. Co. Florida Volunteers.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

[COPY.]

FORT DADE, Fla., Feb. 27th, 1856.

SIR—You will establish your company head-quarters at Fort Broome, Withlacoochee river, in advance of the frontier settlements of Hernando county at as early a day as practicable. One-half of your command will be required to rendezvous at your head-quarters and be performing active frontier service, while you will encourage the remaining half to plant and cultivate crops, and relieve them alternately at such intervals as you may deem practicable. In brief, the protection of the frontier of Hernando county from Indian depredations is entrusted to you and your command, and you are expected to be prompt and vigilant in the discharge of that duty. You are strictly enjoined to prevent conflict or interference in any way with the troops, volunteer or regular, in the service of the U. S.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Fla.

WM. H. KENDRICK, Capt. commd'g
Company No. 4, Fla. Volunteers.

Gen. Carter to Capt. A. D. Johnston.

[COPY.]

FORT DADE, Fla., Feb. 27th, 1856.

SIR—You will establish your company head-quarters at Bay

Lake, or Fort Carter, on the frontier of Sumpter county, at as early a day as practicable. One-half your company will be required in active service on the frontier, while the other half you will encourage in planting and cultivating crops, to be relieved at such intervals as you may deem practicable. You are strictly enjoined to avoid conflict or interference in any way with the troops, volunteer or regular, in the service of the U. States.

By authority of the Governor,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

ABNER D. JOHNSTON, Capt. commd'g Comp.
No. 5 Fla. Mount. Volunteers, Palaklakaha, Fla.

From Gen. Jesse Carter, to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

(COPY.)

FORT DADE, Florida, }
February 27, 1856. }

Wm. H. Kendricks,
Capt. Comd'g Company No. 4,
Florida Mounted Volunteers, Fort Dade, Fla.:

Sir—It is desired by his Excellency the Governor, that the troops in the service of the State should, if possible, furnish themselves with forage and subsistence, and be paid for it. Such of your command as cannot so supply themselves, will be furnished by your company quartermaster, who you will instruct to purchase on the faith of the State of Florida, and issue according to the regulations of the army of the United States. You will supervise all purchases and issues made by your quartermaster, and see that all supplies, transportation, etc., are procured at liberal and equitable prices. The credit of the State must, *in no case, be compromised by the promise of extravagant prices.*

Reports from your quartermaster, as also your frontier service, will be made monthly, and oftener if practicable, and all vouchers of your quartermaster will be submitted for my approval.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Jesse Carter, to Capt. Abner D. Johnson.

(COPY.)

Abner D. Johnson,
Capt. Comd'g Company No. 5,
Florida Mounted Volunteers,
Palaklakaha, Florida

Sir—It is desired by his Excellency the Governor that the troop

in the service of the State should, if possible, furnish themselves with forage and subsistence, and be paid for it. Such of your command as cannot so supply themselves will be furnished by your company quartermaster, who you will instruct to purchase supplies, on the faith of the State of Florida, and issue according to the regulations of the army of the United States. You will supervise the purchases and issues made by your quartermaster, and see that all supplies, transportation, etc., are procured at liberal and equitable prices, in no case compromising the credit of the State by the promise of extravagant prices.

Reports from your quartermaster, as also your frontier service, will be made monthly, and oftener if practicable, and the vouchers of your quartermaster will be submitted for my approval.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Jesse Carter, to Captain Francis M. Durrance.

ITCHEPUCKSASSA, Florida, }
February 28, 1856. }

Capt. Francis M. Durrance,
Comd'g Company Florida Mounted Volunteers:

Sir—Until further ordered, you will upon receipt of this, establish your company's headquarters at, or in the immediate vicinity of, old Fort Frazier, in advance of the line of settlement, if possible, where you will make provision for the reception and safe keeping of your company supplies.

You will keep out detachments on regular scouting duty, east of Pease Creek, covering a front of twenty miles at least, your headquarters being in the centre.

At least one-half of your company will be required in actual scouting duty, while the others you will encourage in preparing and planting crops, to be relieved alternately, at such intervals as you may deem proper, and report your service as often as practicable.

You are strictly enjoined not to conflict in any manner with the commands of Captains Sparkman and Hooker, in the service of the United States.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Jesse Carter, to his Excellency James E. Broome.

AGENCY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, }
Tampa, February 29, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Governor of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to report that, in obedience to your instructions of the 4th inst., and in accordance with orders issued immediately on my return to the frontier, I mustered out of the service of the State, at Itchepucksassa, on the 19th inst., the company of Captain Simon L. Sparkman, which was, on the same day, received into the service of the United States, and commissioned No. 1.

On the 21st, at Fort Meade, the company of Capt. Wm. B. Hooker was mustered out of the service of the State—into the service of the United States, and commissioned No. 2.

On the same day, and at the same place, the company of Captain Francis M. Durrance was inspected, mustered into the service of the State, and commissioned No. 3.

On the 26th, at Fort Dade, the companies of Captain William H. Kendrick and Abner D. Johnson, were inspected, mustered into the service of the State and commissioned—the former No. 4, the latter No. 5.

The company of Capt. L. G. Lesley will be mustered in a few days, when certified rolls, affidavits, acceptances, etc., will be transmitted.

Capt. Aaron Jernigan has been notified of his appointment, and will present a company for muster about the 10th proximo.

The foot volunteer companies, ordered in your instructions, have not yet been organized, and I fear will not be raised soon. Captain Richard B. Turner, of this place, has undertaken to raise one of these companies, and I hope will succeed.

I tendered to Col. Munroe, commanding troops in Florida, the service of the State troops, and made application to him to forage and subsist them, as instructed by you, which he declined, upon the ground that he had no authority to do so. A copy of his letter will be transmitted.

The following disposition has been made of the State troops for the present, viz :

Company No. 3—Head Quarters at Fort Frazier, Pease Creek, frontier of Hillsborough county ;

Company No. 4—Head Quarters at Fort Broome, Withlacoochee, frontier of Hernando county ;

Company No. 5—Head Quarters at Bay Lake, or Fort Carter, frontier of Sumpter county.

Each commander is charged with the protection of the frontier of the counties named—to keep out active scouting parties, to co-ope-

rate with each other, and with those in the service of the United States, and in no way to conflict with the latter.

I shall soon be furnished with a list of those of each company prepared and willing to furnish their own subsistence and forage, when I shall be better prepared to report the extent to which the State will be required to furnish.

The Captains of companies were directed to appoint, each, a quartermaster, from the line, to whom I gave instructions to purchase supplies from the country, at terms specified, not compromising the credit of the State.

Upon careful inspection, I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the highly efficient character of the troops in the service of the State.

To prevent the falling back of the present line of frontier settlement, and to enable those with families to sustain them, I have ordered for the present, one-half of each company to be actively employed on the frontier, while the remaining half should be encouraged in planting and cultivating, to be relieved alternately, as the commanders may deem advisable.

I desire to place Capt. Lesley's command at the head of navigation on Pease Creek, covering the frontier of Manatee county, and extending his scouts from the coast to Calloosahatchee, and the vicinity of Okeechobee and Kissimi. I can place at that point sixty efficient young men, who have no local interests, but cannot supply them from the country.

I therefore suggest the necessity of urging upon the Federal Government the immediate recognition of the State troops—an order to the commanding officer in Florida to supply them—or the purchase of supplies in New Orleans by the State, at an early day, and deposited at this place.

Should you deem it necessary to send an Agent to represent the interests of the State at the Departments of the Federal Government, and should deem me competent, you can command me.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

SPECIAL AGENCY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, }
Tampa, March 4, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Governor of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—We have just received information of an attack by the In-

dians at Sarasota, about one o'clock P. M., yesterday, in which one man, Owen Cunningham, was killed, and Colonel Snell's residence burned. He was fortunately absent at the time. A negro, who escaped, reports thirteen Indians. Fires were seen last night in the settlements, supposed to have been the burning of the residences of Messrs. Cooper and Oglesby, on the outline of settlement. Much excitement exists at Manatee; the families are on board a schooner in the river. I have determined to repair there, and muster a detachment of volunteers into the service of the State, and hope to have your approval.

Detachments from the companies of Capts. Hooker and Turner have been ordered to that point by Col. Munroe.

You will see the importance of sustaining Capt. Lesley at the point designated in my communication of the 29th ult., and I hope you will place me in means to sustain them at your earliest convenience. There can now remain no doubt of the intention of the Indians to annoy the frontier settlements, and offensive action on our part becomes at once necessary.

To render the State troops fully efficient for active offensive service, they must be supplied by the State or Federal Government in the usual way. Sufficient supplies cannot be procured from the frontier country for any considerable time, and therefore the acceptance of the United States should be at once procured, or the State should take measures to sustain its troops efficiently.

Should you deem the presence of a special agent necessary at Washington, command me.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 10th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to report that Captain L. G. Lesley's company of Mounted Volunteers will be mustered into the service of the State on the 12th inst., and will be immediately placed on Pease Creek, at the point indicated in my communication of the 29th ult. Covering the frontier line of Manatee county—the importance of which is fully shown by the late attack at Sara Sota, and in the fact that the Manatee settlement is on the point of being abandoned in a few days—this movement, however, will give confidence and protection.

The impossibility of supplying this command from the resources of the interior induced me to make an appeal to the merchants of

this place, in a general interview this evening, who have responded in a patriotic proposition to sustain the command thirty days. This was all I required, which gives time for the interposition of your authority to make provision for them. This arrangement will involve an expenditure of \$1200 to \$1500, which I have given assurances will be promptly met by you. These merchants have not the ability to do a time business with the State, and most, or all of them, hold State scrip issued for military services and supplies furnished in 1849, which the State has failed to redeem or provide for, which greatly depreciates the credit of the State, not only in this community but throughout the country. This fact furnishes a great barrier in the way of procuring supplies here on the faith of the State.

I have to request you, most earnestly, to place me in funds immediately for the liquidation of this purchase. The supplies will be furnished at the merchants' *cash prices*, and I hope they will not be permitted to suffer by this aid.

Hoping to hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience,

I am, respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent, State of Florida.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to John M. Price.

[COPY.]

FORE BLOUNT, Florida, }
March 12, 1856. }

SIR—You are hereby appointed assistant surgeon for the troops in the service of the State of Florida attached to the company of mounted volunteers, commanded by Capt. Leroy G. Lesley, with the rank of first Lieut., to date from this date.

You are charged with the duty of attending the company above designated in the capacity of assistant Surgeon and it is expected you will be vigilant in the discharge thereof.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

JOHN M. PRICE, M. D.,
Fort Blount, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Capt. G. L. Lesley.

[COPY.]

FORT BLOUNT, Florida, }
 March 12, 1856. }

SIR—You will place a detachment of 12 to 16 men at Fort Blount under a commissioned officer, charged with its protection and the performance of scouting duty on the frontier, and will move forth with the remainder of your company to the frontier settlements on the Alafia, and after leaving a detachment of 10 to 15 men in the vicinity of Alafia bridge, under a non-commissioned officer, proceed with all possible despatch to scour the country from that point via Manatee, Miaki, to Pease Creek, where you will select a suitable point for your company head-quarters, as near the coast as practicable, covering the Manatee settlements. You will erect suitable sheds or block house to secure your supplies, and keep out regular scouts above on the creek, and in such other directions as you may deem advisable. You will be vigilant in the performance of this duty, and report to me your progress as often as practicable.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

Capt. L. G. LESLEY,
 Com'dg Co. mounted Vols.,
 Fort Blount Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gilbert L. Key.

FORT FRAZIER, Florida, }
 March 13, 1856. }

SIR—You are hereby appointed Assistant Surgeon for the troops in the service of the State of Florida, attached to the company of mounted volunteers commanded by Captain Francis M. Durrance, with the rank of First Lieutenant, to date from the 21st day of February, 1856.

You are charged with the duty of attending the company above designated, in the capacity of assistant surgeon, and it is expected you will be vigilant and faithful in the discharge thereof.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

GILBERT L. KEY, M. D.,
 Fort Frazier, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, March 14th, 1856. }

SIR—I have just returned from the frontier, Blount's Station, Pease Creek, where I inspected and mustered into the service of the State, on the 12th inst., the company of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Capt. Leroy G. Lesley, commissioned No. 7, which I take pleasure in reporting as very efficient, both in men and horses.

I immediately disposed of this command as follows, viz: A detachment of about 15 men at Fort Blount, under Lieutenant Parker; another of about 12 men in the vicinity of Alafia Bridge, under a non-commissioned officer, and the remainder of the company, under Capt. Lesley, to scour the country from Fort Blount, via Alafia, Manatee, Miaki, to Charlotte Harbor, and to establish a station on Pease Creek, at a practicable point near the coast.

This movement I trust will quiet the excitement prevailing in the settlements at Manatee and Alafia since the attack at Sara Sota, and I feel assured will render ample protection.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully your ob't svt.,

JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent, State of Florida.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
 Tallahassee, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, March 15, 1856. }

SIR—While on the frontier encouraging the inhabitants to maintain their position and to cultivate provision crops, I have made myself familiar with their situation and circumstances, which I assure you demands indeed, not only commendation and sympathy, but *prompt and immediate pecuniary relief*. The supply of provisions on the frontier at the commencement of Indian hostilities was limited strictly to the demand for local consumption, and the sudden organization of several companies engaged in protecting the frontier, unaided by public supplies, has exhausted the resources of the country. This service has been wholly sustained by the contributions of the frontier people, many of whom have surrendered their entire supplies leaving their families wholly destitute, or on charity, and without any means of subsistence whatever; and very many have gone still further by making themselves individually liable for supplies for public use. You will endorse the remark, that this state of facts should not exist, and that there should be applied a speedy remedy.

It is not enough to pay for the service performed. This however,

would render material assistance. But the people should be reimbursed for supplies furnished the troops in service, and it should be done without delay. This would afford at least temporary relief.

If there is no probability of an immediate assumption by the Federal Government for service, and supplies furnished, permit me to suggest the necessity of immediate effort on your part to raise from the resources of the State, sufficient means to meet the outlay for the first two months service. To disband the State troops without pay, would be to consume their substance, abuse their services, and turn them out upon public charity.

Hoping soon to hear from you on this subject,

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob'dt serv't,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency,

JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 15th, 1856. }

SIR—Capt. Jernigan's Company of Mounted Volunteers was mustered into the service of the United States at Fort Gatlin on the 10th inst., by Capt. Gibson, U. S. A., to the officers of which I have delivered commissions No. 6.

This muster fills the requisition from the War Department for three mounted companies authorized and designated in your instructions to me of the 4th ult.

The foot company under Capt. Turner is about full, and I have authorized Capt. James P. McMullen to raise the second foot company authorized, which will soon be ready for service.

Captain Jernigan's company will be in two detachments, one operating East of St. Johns River, and the other West—co-operating with Captain Johnson's command.

This completes the line of frontier protection.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your ob't svt.,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, State of Florida.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Dr. Elisha Carter.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 18, 1856. }

SIR—You are hereby appointed Assistant Surgeon for the troops in the service of the State of Florida, attached to the company of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Capt. William H. Kendrick, with the rank of First Lieutenant, to date from the first day of January, 1856. You are charged with the duty of attending the company above designated in the capacity of Assistant Surgeon, and it is expected you will be vigilant and faithful in the discharge thereof.

By order of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, State of Florida.

ELISHA CARTER, M. D.,
Fort Brooke, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to John B. Eichelberger.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 18, 1856. }

SIR—You are hereby appointed assistant surgeon for the troops in the service of the State of Florida, attached to the company of mounted volunteers commanded by Capt. Abner D. Johnston, with the rank of first Lieutenant, to date from the 26th day of February, 1856.

You are charged with the duty of attending the company designated above in the capacity of assistant surgeon, and it is expected you will be vigilant and faithful in the discharge thereof.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

JOHN B. EICHELBERGER, M. D.,
Ocala, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 1st, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th ult., and in reply have to say that I have this day tendered to Col. Munroe, commanding troops in Florida, a detachment, or part of a company of foot Volunteers under Capt. Richard B. Turner, which have been recognized and instructed to fill up to the full standard of a company, when they will be mustered into the service of the United States as one of the companies authorized by you. I hope this company will soon be full, and am engaged in an effort to raise the second company of foot authorized.

You will please transmit to me blank commissions for the foot Companies, as in the case of the Mounted companies.

I enclose herewith an account of a recent assault by the Indians on the Coast at Charlotte Harbor, as detailed in the "Peninsular" of this date.

Very respectfully,
Your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Franklin Branch.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 22, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 19th and in reply have to state that I have no means within my control, other than the credit of the State of Florida, with which to sustain troops at any point beyond the reach of the immediate resources of the country. Those now on the line of frontier are wholly dependant upon the resources of the country immediately within the vicinity of their operations, and supplies on the line of Hillsborough are now about exhausted. My authority to muster troops for the State's service is strictly limited to companies designated with a fixed standard of 88 men each. I attended at Fort Meade by appointment on the 21st February last, to muster troops for the State's service, when Capt. Lesley would have been mustered for service on the frontier of Manatee County, but his company not being full, could not be mustered. He filled up and was mustered on the 12th inst., when I immediately placed him, with a command of 50 efficient men, Pease Creek near the coast, covering the frontier of Manatee County, under an arrangement made with the merchants here, to sustain him at that point thirty days, in which time I could report to the Governor the necessity of an immediate provision for his further support. I have been informed that a detachment of 10 men from Capt. Hooker's Company, are stationed at Fort Hamer, Manatee; and the ten men you require of me shall be furnished upon your assurance that they shall be supplied from the resources of the community there. This assurance is necessary, as without it they cannot be supplied at that point. I have reported to the Governor the necessity of recognizing a detachment for local service at Manatee composed of the inhabitants there, and when authorized, will attend and muster them. I have no doubt this

recognition will be made as I am fully assured of the anxiety of the executive to sustain the present line of settlement.

Capt. Lesley has been instructed to scour the country from Alafia via Manatee and Miaki, to Charlotte Harbor, and to keep out constant scouts from the coast, co-operating and meeting with those of Capt. Hooker's Company on Pease Creek. I must therefore express the opinion that too low an estimate is placed upon the protection to the frontier of Manatee County, from Captain Lesley's Command in its present position.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

DR. FRANKLIN BRANCH, Manatee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. S. F. Kendrick.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 24th, 1856. }

SIR—You will visit Hernando County, without delay, and purchase on the faith of the State of Florida, for the use of the Volunteers in the service of the State commanded by Captain Francis M. Durrance, any quantity of corn you may be able to procure, not exceeding one thousand bushels, at rates liberal and equitable—in no case to exceed one dollar and fifty cents per bushel—and at points most convenient to the head quarters of the said company.

You will procure the service of teams to transport the corn purchased at liberal rates, not exceeding that heretofore expressed to you, and report your proceedings herein as soon as practicable.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Lieut. S. F. KENDRICK,
Q. M. Co., No. 3, Fla. Vol.,
Fort Frazier, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. W. H. Kendrick.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 24, 1856. }

SIR—I have to require from your command 20 men under a commissioned officer to join similar detachments from the companies of Captains Johnston and Durrance, at Fort Arbuckle on the 3d day of April next, with subsistence and forage for 16 days.

You will direct your officers to report to Capt. Francis M. Durrance, who will command this expedition on the Kissimme, Estopoga and Okeechobee.

A forage team will accompany your detachment to assist in transporting their supplies.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent

Capt. W. H. KENDRICK,
Com'dg Co. Mo. Vols.
Fort Broome, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Abner D. Johnston

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 24, 1856. }

SIR—I have to require from your command 20 men under a commissioned officer to join similar detachments from the companies of Captains Kendrick and Durrance, at Fort Arbuckle on the 3d day of April, with subsistence and forage for 16 days. You will direct your officer to report to Capt. Francis M. Durrance, who will command this expedition on the Kissimee, Estopoga and Okeechobee.

You will direct a forage team to accompany this command to assist in transporting their supplies.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent

Capt. ABNER D. JOHNSTON,
Com'dg Co. Mo. Vols., Ft. Carter, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 25th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 23d inst., and in reply, deem it necessary to scour the country in the region of Kissimee thoroughly, and for that purpose have instructed Captains Johnston and Kendrick, each, to furnish a detachment of 20 men, under a commissioned officer, with 16 days' supplies, to meet you at Fort Arbuckle on the 3rd day of April next. You will detail from your company 20 men, and, with 16 days' supplies and a company team, proceed to Fort Arbuckle on the 3rd day of April next, and assume command of the detachments above named.

You will make a thorough reconnoissance of the country from Fort Gardner, Tohopekaliga, Istopoga, Kissimee, Okeechobee, Carloosahatchee, below Fort Denaud, and, if necessary, cross the Kissimee, and report the result of your expedition on your return. Should you meet with Indians while out, you will kill or capture

them at your discretion, and you will destroy all property or growing crops belonging to them.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,

Sp'l Agt. of the State of Fla.

Capt. FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
Com'dg Comp'y Mounted Vol'ts,
Fort Frazier, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. L. G. Lesley.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
March 26th, 1856. }

SIR—Having received assurances, since your departure for Charlotte Harbor, that teams may be employed at Manatee to transport supplies from that point to your command at any point within the region of country designated as the field of your operations, I am satisfied that you can be supplied by way of Manatee with much greater facility and smaller cost to the State, and can at the same time afford the same protection to the frontier. You will, therefore, upon receipt of this, fall back to Addison's or Oglesby's place on Miaki, or in that vicinity, and establish your company station.

You are charged *specially* with the protection of the frontier of Manatee county, and will employ competent scouts daily from Sarasota to Charlotte Harbor, the Miaki branches of Manatee and Alafia, co-operating with Capt. Hooker's scouts on Pease Creek, and report your proceedings to this office as often as practicable. Consult with Capt. Snell as to the best point for a company station.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,

Sp'l Agt. of the State of Fla.

Capt. L. G. LESLEY,
Com'dg Comp'y Mounted Vol'trs,
Charlotte Harbor, Fla.

P. S. Bishop will take your supplies to Manatee at reasonable rates.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, March 25th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to report that the Indians have committed no depredations on the frontier since my last report. Frontier scouts report signs in the vicinity of Pease Creek, Istopoga Lake and Miaki. I have placed Capt. Lesley's command on Miaki, in

the vicinity of Charlotte Harbor, and feel assured he will clear them from that region. I have ordered an expedition under Capt. Durrance, composed of detachments from his and the companies of Capts. Kendrick and Johnston, to rendezvous at Fort Arbuckle on the 3rd proximo, with supplies for 16 days, with instructions to scour thoroughly the Kissimee, Okeechobee, Istopoga, Tohopkaliga and Carloosahatchee, and to kill or capture the enemy and to destroy his property wherever found. I hope, on their return, to give you a favorable report of them.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER, Sp. Agt.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME, Tallahassee.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, March 29, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to report that a communication from Captain John C. Casey, U. S. A. in special duty, Fort Brooke, Fla., was received at this office yesterday informing me that the War Department has authorized a *per capita reward* or premium to be paid for all *living* Indians captured or induced to come in for emigration, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, upon receipt of which orders were issued to the State troops under this date to operate in any section of the Indian Territory, independent of each other, or in cooperation at their discretion—leaving a sufficient force on the frontier, say one third of each company, for local protection. I have directed the appointment of a competent individual from each company to keep a record of marks and brands, with probable age and weight, of all cattle taken for their use while in the field, so that the owners may be paid. This order will greatly stimulate the troops, and if properly supplied would make a favorable report soon.

Respectfully your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Durrance.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, April 5th, 1856. }

SIR—Reliable information has been received at this office of an attack by the Indians on the premises of Dr. Braden, Manatee, on

the night of the 1st inst., carrying away several negroes and mules. They are reported to be in two or three parties, retreating in the direction of House Creek, with the view evidently of crossing Pease Creek in that region.

You will order a detachment of 15 men from your company immediately, if in your judgment they can be spared from your post of frontier, and dispatch them down Pease Creek at discretion, and report your proceedings on return of the detachment.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent State of Fla.

Capt. FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
Fort Frazier, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Capt. A. D. Johnston.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, April 5th, 1856. }

SIR—Reliable information has been received at this office of an attack by the Indians on the premises of Dr. Braden, Manatee, on the night of the 1st inst., carrying away several negroes and mules. They are reported to be in two or three parties, retreating in the direction of Pease Creek, near the coast. Capts. Lesley and Addison are in pursuit, and I hope will overtake and chastise them. I deem it proper to admonish you to be vigilant in scouting duty on the frontier, as they may design an attack on the settlements at other points.

By authority of the Governor,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent State of Florida.

Capt. ABNER D. JOHNSTON,
Fort Carter, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, April 5th, 1856. }

SIR—Reliable information has been received at this office of an attack by the Indians on the premises of Dr. Braden, Manatee, on the night of the first inst., carrying away several negroes and mules. They are reported to be in two or three parties, retreating in the direction of Pease Creek, near the coast. Capts. Lesley and Addison are in pursuit, and I hope will overtake and chastise them. I deem it proper to admonish you to be vigilant in scouting duty on

the frontier, as they may design an attack on the settlements at other points.

By authority of the Governor,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent of Florida.

Capt. Wm. H. KENDRICK, Fort Broome, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 5th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to report the reception this morning of reliable information of an attack on the premises of Dr. Braden, Manatee, by the Indians on the night of the 1st inst.

They were repulsed, carrying with them several negroes and mules. They are reported to be in several parties. Capt. Addison with 13 men is upon the trail in pursuit of the party with the negroes and mules, and Capt. Lesley in pursuit of another party on Miaki. I hope to have a favorable account of them.

I leave at 2 P. M., to-day for Manatee. Capt. Gibson, U. S. A., accompanies me for the purpose of mustering a detachment at Manatee, as a part of Capt. Turner's Company, in the service of the U. S. Col. Munroe has ordered Lieut. Hart, with a detachment of Capt. Turner's Company, to Manatee for a short time.

I notify the State troops to-day, and have ordered a detachment from Capt. Durrance's Company to be sent down Pease Creek to intercept them if possible, and to act in co-operation with Capts. Lesley and Addison.

I will report more fully on my return.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

His Excellency,
JAMES E. BROOME,
 Tallahassee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }
 TAMPA, April 12, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th ult., received on the 9th inst., and, in obedience to your instructions, have countermanded that part of my order to the State troops of the 29th February last as relates to the character of the service required. I regret that I should have misconstrued your views on that point, as the order was based upon

impressions resulting from an interview with you in the Executive office on the 4th of February last. Your expression of anxiety to maintain the present line of settlement and to protect the frontier inhabitants induced me to view the cultivation of provision crops as an important feature in the system of frontier support. That portion of the troops, however, thus far engaged under the order have been serving at intervals, have been at all times ready when warned, and have at the same time furnished protection to life and property. Besides, in the disposition of the State's troops, I have been compelled to have reference to the facilities within my control to supply them. Being wholly dependent upon purchases from the county upon the faith of the State, I could not dispose of them at points on the Gulf and Atlantic, remote from the resources of the interior with the limited means of transportation.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,

JESSE CARTER, Special Agt.

His Excellency **JAMES E. BROOME,** Tallahassee.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

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SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 12th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th advising me of the purchase of supplies in New Orleans for the State troops, for which you have my thanks. Not recognizing authority under my general instructions to muster a detachment at Manatee, I deferred it for your approval, but regarding it indispensable under emergencies arising subsequent to my communication of the 5th ult., I repaired there and mustered that command on the 8th inst., and am gratified to have your approval.

Your effort to induce the Federal Government to take up the issue with energy, I hope will succeed.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,

JESSE CARTER, Special Agent.

His Excellency **JAMES E. BROOME,**
 Tallahassee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 12th 1856. }

SIR—According to my communication of the 5th inst., I left on that day for Manatee, and on my arrival on the 6th found the inhabitants much excited by the late attack on the residence of Dr. Braden. Seven negroes and three mules were taken from his plantation

and detachments under Lieuts. Addison and Crane, the latter of Capt. Lesleys Company, composing about 28 men, were upon the trail in pursuit of the retreating Indians. On the 7th, the scout returned to the settlement and reported that the Indians 7 in number, had been overtaken about 8 miles east of Pease creek, killing four certain, and probably the whole party; returning to the owner all the captured property. On that day Capt. Lesley's command reached Manatee and are in position two miles in front of the settlements. Lieut. Hart arrived with a detachment of 14 men from Capt. Turner's company and was placed on duty as a local guard by Capt. Gibson, U. S. A. The citizens declined mustering as a detachment of Capt. Turner's company of Infantry, and I mustered them into the service of the State as a mounted detachment, under Lieut. John Addison and have to request your approval and authority to fill up the company. The result of the pursuit above alluded to furnishes satisfactory evidence of the efficiency of this command and the importance of mounted service. I suspended this muster after reporting my intention to visit Manatee for that purpose in my communication of the 4th of March last, for your instructions or approval, it not having been provided for in my general instructions, but I have assumed the authority under conviction of its justification by the emergency of the case. This command is in two detachments, one at the upper settlement 15 miles on the river, and Capt. Lesley furnished a detachment as local guard co-operating with those at the lower settlement.

The present disposition of troops at that point, will, I am confident, give safety to the inhabitants, and I am happy to inform you that my action was highly satisfactory to all concerned, the public mind being quiet at the time of my departure. It affords me pleasure to state that the pursuit and attack upon the Indians were conducted with energy and propriety and the result reflects much credit on the State troops. Indeed I regard these commands as very efficient.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

His Excellency **JAMES E. BROOME,**
 Tallahassee, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.
 SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 12th, 1856. }

SIR—This will countermand my order to you of the 28th February last, so far as relates to the character of the service required.— You will therefore employ your command *actively* upon the frontiers. While operating in the Indian Territory, you will keep a sufficient force on the line of frontier actively employed in its protection, under a commissioned officer, with instructions to report to me his pro-

ceedings as often as practicable. You will keep me advised of your movements while operating South, and of your progress in capturing or destroying the enemy.

This office has not been furnished with a report of purchases by your Qr. Master. This duty should be promptly attended to, that accounts may be duly made and certified.

You will be careful, in employing teams in the service, not to have any more than is actually necessary, and at prices not above a liberal cash scale.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent of the State of Florida.

Capt. FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
 Comd'g. Co. Mounted Volunteers,
 Fort Frazier, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 12th, 1856. }

SIR—This will countermand my order to you of the 27th February last, so far as relates to the character of the service required.— You will therefore employ your command *actively* upon the frontier.

While operating in the Indian Territory, you will keep a sufficient force on the line of frontier *actively* employed in its protection, under a commissioned officer, with instructions to report to me his proceedings as often as practicable. You will keep me advised of your movements while operating South, and of your progress in capturing and destroying the enemy.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent of the State of Florida.

Capt. Wm. H. KENDRICK,
 Comd'g. Co. Mounted Vols.
 Fort Meade, Fla.

P. S. On your arrival at Fort Meade you will send back your teams to the point where employed, under a proper guard, and will discharge all except such as may be actually necessary for company service. This office has not been furnished with a report of purchases by your Qr. Master. This is necessary and should be promptly attended to, that accounts may be duly made and certified.

J. CARTER, Agent.

Capt. KENDRICK.

Gen. Carter to Capt. A. D. Johnson.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 12th, 1856. }

SIR—This will countermand my order to you of the 27th February last, so far as relates to the character of the service required.— You will therefore employ your command *actively* upon the frontiers. While operating in the Indian Territory, you will keep a sufficient force on the line of frontier actively employed in its protection, under a commissioned officer, with instructions to report to me his proceedings as often as practicable.

You will keep me advised of your movements while operating South, and of your progress in capturing or destroying the enemy.

This office has not been furnished with a report of purchases by your Qr. Master. It is necessary this duty should be promptly attended to, that accounts may be duly made and certified.

You will send back from Fort Meade the teams in your service to the point where employed, under a proper guard, and discharge all, except such as may be actually necessary for company service.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

Capt. ABNER D. JOHNSON,
Comd'g. Co. Mounted Vols.
Fort Meade, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 12th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of four communications from you of the 31st ult., and in reply have to express thanks for your energetic efforts in support of the State troops, and for frontier protection. Your present provision will go far to relieve the present wants of the troops, and will render their services much more efficient.

Your visit to the Federal Capital is very gratifying to me, and will doubtless be generally approved, as it will probably arouse the Government to action and induce it to take hold of the war with energy.

Accounts for supplies furnished on the frontier shall be made out as you direct, and will be transmitted as soon as practicable. The arms directed to be forwarded I hope will prove efficient, and will be vouched for when received.

I approve your decision relative to the ammunition, and hope to procure temporary supplies here.

Respectfully, your ob't. serv't.,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, State of Florida.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TAMPA, April 12th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ult., also enclosed copy of your letter of same date, addressed to Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co., New Orleans, advising me of a deposit of \$4,958 82 with that house to the credit of the State, subject to my order, for supplies for troops in the service of the State. Your instruction therein will be observed and complied with.

Mr. E. J. Knight is now here and I will confer with him relative to his proposition to raise a company for the service as Infantry. I feel assured the 2d Company of Infantry authorised, will soon be in readiness.

I have advices from Newnansville, at which point I am assured a part or all the Company may be raised immediately, and I have instructed Capt. McMullen to repair there without delay.

Respectfully,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency,
JAMES E. BROOME,
Tallahassee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. Addison.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 4th, 1856. }

SIR—It is the order of his Excellency the Governor that the troops in the service of the State should be actively employed on the frontiers. You will therefore keep your command engaged in active scouting duty on the frontier and in the protection of the inhabitants, and report your proceedings to this office as often as practicable.

You will at your earliest convenience, furnish me with a list of names of the men of your detachment, and also that of Capt. Hooker,

engaged with you in the late pursuit of the Indians beyond Pease Creek.

Enclosed you will receive bill of corn bought for you here, and I have ordered from New Orleans as per your instructions. Please inform me if you directed me to send you a bag of Coffee.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

Lieut. JOHN ADDISON, Manatee, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 16th, 1856. }

SIR—You will rendezvous your command, in co-operation with Captains Durrance and Johnson, at Fort Denaud, immediately on receipt of this order, and report by letter, through the commander of that post, to Col. Brown, commanding troops on Carloosahatchee, for thirty days service unless otherwise ordered, dating from the day of your arrival at that post. Subsistence and forage will be furnished you from Government stores while serving in the Indian territory, and until your return to the frontier.

You will furnish this office a list of the men so employed under your command immediately, and report your proceedings as often as practicable.

It is desired that the three companies co-operating shall decide, by agreement or lottery, who shall command. Maj. Arnold's command U. S. infantry engaged the Indians in the Cypress on the 7th inst., and they were reported to be in force in the vicinity of Bow Legs' Town. The State troops now have an opportunity to show their efficiency, and I feel assured they will give a good report.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent, State of Florida.

Capt. Wm. H. KENDRICK,
 Comd'g. Co. No. 3, Mounted Vols.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 16th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of yesterday, and in reply have to say I was mistaken in the date of the order referred to. On reference to the original, I find it dated 28th instead of the 27th February. This is not material, however.

My order of the 12th inst., countermanding a portion of that of the 28th of February last, embraces the explanation you demand in the following remark, viz: "So far as related to the character of the service required." I refer you to my order of the 28th of February last. You should see the force of this last order. Actual service is required by *higher authority* than myself.

With the conviction of great anxiety on the part of the State troops to enter the field, I did not regard a positive order necessary, and therefore, in communicating the order of the War Department for the payment of rewards and premiums, use the following language, viz: "You are now at liberty to employ your command in any portion of the Indian territory, and for such time as you deem proper," &c., &c.; and on the first of April informed you that, upon sending a team, such supplies as could be procured here would be furnished you for field service.

With much difficulty I procured supplies and loaded 5 wagons for your command, and those of Capts. Kendrick and Johnston, and dispatched them on the 12th inst. At the same time purchased some 200 bushels corn at Wardahoff's for your company, which Mr. Mansfield, in charge of your teams, was directed to report to you on his return to camp. Now I suggest, hearing your teams were at Fort Meade yesterday morning, would it not have been more proper to send to that point than to me for the information you desire. The supplies were sent out for equal division with the three commands.

In relation to Sergeant Edward's case, you will note upon your roll the day upon which he left camp, from which time his pay must be stopped, and it is with you to appoint another Orderly Sergeant if you desire it.

As you appear unwilling to be responsible for moving your command South, and suggest a *positive order* from me to that effect, it accompanies this communication.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Sp'l Agt. State of Florida.

Capt. F. M. DURRANCE,
 Com'dg Company No. 3 Fla.
 Mount'd Vol'trs, Fort Frazier, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Durrance.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 16, 1856. }

To Francis M. Durrance,
Capt. Comd'g Company No. 3,
Florida Mounted Volunteers,
Fort Frazier, Florida :

Sir—You will furnish a detail of thirty men from your company, under your command, or one of your commissioned officers, to serve in co-operation with Captains Kendrick and Johnson, in the Indian territory, to rendezvous immediately at Fort Denaud, where you will report, by letter, through the commander of that post, to Col. Brown, commanding troops on Calloosahatchee, furnishing this office with a list of the detail.

You will be supplied from the stores of the United States, while serving in the Indian territory, and until your return to the frontier, and will continue this service for thirty days from the day of your arrival at Fort Denaud, unless otherwise ordered. You will be expected to report to this office your proceedings, while thus employed, as often as practicable.

By authority of the Governor :

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

P. S.—It is the desire of this office, that the three Captains co-operating, shall decide by agreement or lottery who shall command.
J. CARTER.

From Gen. Carter to Col. Munroe.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 16, 1856. }

Col. John Munroe,
Commanding Department of Florida,
Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, Fla. :

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of this date, relative to the collected force of Seminoles in the Cypress. Your desire to assemble at that point as many troops as possible, and submitting your wish that the three companies of the State mounted troops, now scouting south of Pease creek, may be assembled there for service.

In reply, I beg leave to assure you of the desire of the Executive to co-operate with you in protecting the frontier, and in the expulsion of the Indians from the State.

I have, this date, ordered Captains Durrance, Kendrick and Johnson, now scouting south of Pease creek, to rendezvous at Fort Denaud, immediately, and to report by letter, through the commander of that post, to Col. Brown, commanding troops on Calloosahatchee, to serve thirty days from the day of their arrival at the rendezvous, unless otherwise ordered.

I have required a list of the men composing this expedition, and when received at this office, a copy will be furnished you. Until it is received, I cannot accurately inform you of its strength, but probably one hundred, or more.

There being no officer higher than the rank of Captain in the State's service, I have directed the Captains to determine, by agreement or lottery, who shall command.

Respectfully,
Your ob't serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Johnson.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 16, 1856. }

Capt. Abner D. Johnson,
Commanding Volunteers :

Sir—You will rendezvous your command, in co-operation with Captains Kendrick and Durrance, at Fort Denaud, immediately on the receipt of this order, and report by letter, through the commander of that post, to Colonel Brown, commanding troops on Calloosahatchee, for thirty days' service, unless otherwise ordered, commencing from the day of your arrival at that post. Subsistence and forage will be furnished you from Government stores, while serving in the Indian territory, and until your return to the frontier.

You will furnish this office with a list of the men so engaged under your command, immediately, and report your proceedings as often as practicable.

It is desired that the three companies co-operating, shall decide by agreement or lottery, who shall command.

Maj. Arnold's command United States infantry, engaged the Indians in the Cypress, on the 7th inst., and they are reported to be in considerable force in the vicinity of Bowleg's Town.

The State troops now have an opportunity to show their efficiency, and I feel assured they will give a good report.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to his Excellency James E. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 16, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee :

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith, copies of my letter of the 16th of February last, addressed to Col. Munroe, commanding troops in Florida, in obedience to your instructions of the 4th of February, and his reply thereto; also, his note to me of this date, and my reply. Major Arnold's command of regular troops was met by the Indians, in the Cypress on the 7th inst., in considerable force, in the immediate vicinity of Bowleg's Town; the Indians retreating and firing for several hours. One soldier killed, and several wounded; damage to the enemy not known.

In compliance with the request of Col. Munroe, I have ordered, of this date, Capts. Durrance, Kendrick and Johnson, who are scouting south of Pease Creek, to report to the officer commanding troops on Calloosahatchee, immediately, and to co-operate with the United States forces in the Cypress, for thirty days, unless otherwise ordered. They will receive subsistence and forage from the Government stores.

The Indians burned the house of Mr. Goddard, and robbed that of Mr. Craig, near the upper Manatee settlement, on the night of the 12th inst. A detachment of Capt. Lesley's company is in pursuit.

You will receive herewith a copy of my first order on Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co., for stores for State troops.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to the Commanding Officers at Forts Broome and Carter.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 18, 1856. }

To the Commanding Officers at
Forts Broome and Carter, Florida :

Sir—It is the order of his Excellency the Governor, that the troops in the service of the State should be at all times engaged in actual service. The Indians being reported at different points upon the line of settlements, and the safety of the inhabitants devolving upon the volunteers, admonishes you to be vigilant in the discharge of active duty upon the frontier.

In the absence of the commander of your company, you will,

without awaiting further orders, upon hearing of an attack, or the presence of parties on the line of frontier, immediately despatch scouts from your command, in pursuit.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to his Excellency Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 19, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee :

Sir—I have the honor to report that the party of Indians in the upper settlement of Manatee, on the 16th inst., were pursued by a detachment of Capt. Lesley's company under Lieut. Crane, near Alafia, where they lost the trail, and returned to camp. On the 17th runners came in from Alafia settlement, sixteen miles south-east of this place, reporting an attack on Mr. John Comez, about 10 A. M., while working in his field. Captains Durrance, Sparkman and Hooker, were immediately notified, and Capt. Lesley, with about ten citizens, left here immediately on receipt of the information, for Mr. Comez's place. He reports to me, of yesterday morning, the body of Mr. Comez found, pierced with five balls; his house and property undisturbed. His family was here at the time of attack. Detachments from the companies above named, as also the party with Capt. Lesley, are in pursuit, and I hope to hear a good report of them.

April 20th, 4 P. M.

Indians reported to be in three miles of town; tracks of three seen on the road, three miles east of town. A scout has just left in search of them.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Jesse Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 23d, 1856. }

Capt. F. M. Durrance,
Commanding Company No. 3,
Florida Mounted Volunteers,
Fort Frazier, Florida:

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of the 22d, accompanying teams for corn, and am at a loss to understand why Mr. Wardehoof declines to deliver that engaged of him. I am not informed of any effort to procure transportation, to your company, of the corn purchased in Hernando county. I am not yet in receipt of the State's stores. The steamer came in on Sunday night last, and departed for Key West before day-light Monday morning, carrying away the cargo of State's stores on board.

I have to express surprise, regret and mortification, at the tardy action of the State troops. On the 5th, 12th and 16th instants, important dispatches were directed to you from this office, at considerable expense to the State, which, not having been acknowledged, I have to infer have not been complied with. Reports of service, lists of details, and reports of purchases have been regularly required, but none furnished.

With much difficulty and effort, I procured supplies here, and forwarded for your command, and those of Capts. Kendrick and Johnson, while on the march to Fort Denaud, giving each command positive orders to march to that point, where arrangements had been made for supplies. A list of the detail for this service was required, but has not been received. You can readily imagine my mortification, and, I may add, my indignation, upon learning that these orders have been disobeyed, and those supplies exhausted in their violation, this, too, after having reported to the Governor the three commands on the March to the Cypress.

My order of the 12th inst., countermanding that of the 28th February last, "so far as relates to the character of the service required," requires you to place your *entire* command in *actual service*. You have neither acknowledged this order, nor reported your action under it. I must again require a report of the present position and condition of your whole command, as also a report of purchases and accounts. Also, the reasons why all orders have not been acknowledged and executed.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to his Excellency Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, April 28, 1856.

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Governor of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.:

Sir—I have the honor to report that since my communications of the 19th and 20th inst., nothing has occurred of a serious character, on the frontier. The party that murdered Mr. Comez, on the 17th inst., have successfully evaded the pursuit of several scouting parties, after several days search and hard service. The Indians are reported to be in small parties at different points in the region of Alafia, Hillsborough and Manatee counties, are now almost entirely broken up, and the inhabitants assembled at this and other points for safety. Captains Kendrick and Johnson, with sixty-eight men, are now south, co-operating with the United States troops in the vicinity of the Cypress, under my order of the 16th inst. The order on Capt. Durrance, of the same date, for thirty men, has not been acknowledged, and I infer is disobeyed. You will please instruct me how to proceed in the case.

The steamer Vanderbilt is to-day landing the cargo shipped at New Orleans on the 11th inst. While she was at Key West with the cargo, I was compelled to purchase grain here for the troops.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. F. W. Durrance.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, April 28, 1856. }

Lieut. F. W. Durrance,
Fort Broome, Florida:

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of the 26th inst., as also your report of purchases, team hire, etc., from the 10th to the 29th March, and in reply have to repeat my disapproval of the evacuation of Fort Broome, and my order for its immediate occupancy.

Orders were issued from this office on the 12th inst., to all commanders of companies in service of the State, to place their entire commands in actual service on the frontier. If that order has not been communicated to you by your Captain, and if not already done, you will immediately, on receipt of this, warn every man of the company, not now with the Captain, on the expedition south, to re-

port to you at your company station, without delay, properly prepared for actual and efficient service. Should any disobey, note the fact and time, and report the same to this office.

You have now fifty-eight men under your command, which you will dispose of, for the present, as follows, viz: not less than thirty at your station, to be employed in scouting parties, constantly out upon the frontier, in such numbers as you may deem proper. The remaining twenty-eight you will dispose of in aiding and protecting the inhabitants at such points as they may assemble, or at the most exposed places in the outer settlements, that have not been abandoned. You will take care that not more than two points are selected at which to assemble the inhabitants, as we have not troops to protect more than that number—one would be preferable. If you regard the Camp Ground as a proper point, establish it. If a second point is necessary, it should be nearer the line of frontier.

With this distribution of your command, I would regard the inhabitants safe at their homes, for the present, at least, until your scouts report signs, in or near the settlements. You should, therefore, advise as seems best for their safety, but not to abandon their homes and interests prematurely.

The order of Capt. Kendrick on you for ten men, to join him at Fort Denaud, is deemed unnecessary, and you will retain them on the frontier.

The time has arrived when every man in service should be at his post, and in actual scouting service, and it is hoped you will inspire them to proper action; I must, therefore, admonish you to exercise great vigilance and energy, and every man faltering, or refusing, must be held to strict accountability.

I am in possession of a small supply of State stores, and will send you a portion upon your sending in three or four teams.

I will examine into your report when more at leisure, but would suggest, in all cases, an accompanying report of business.

You will keep me advised of your proceedings as often as practicable.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. A. McNeill.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, Fla., April 28th, 1856. }

Capt. A. McNEILL, Manatee:

DEAR SIR—By Captains Bishop and Black I ship to your care sundry stores for State troops, as per bill of lading, which you will receive and store.

These cargoes were taken on board alongside the steamer, and hence the corn has not been weighed. If you have or can procure a scale, please weigh the corn, when putting it in store, and make me a return of the weight. You will deliver to Captains Lesley and Addison, *weighing when delivered*, and take vouchers in triplicate. You will call on Capt. Lesley and Sergeant Wyatt for assistance in landing cargoes, stowing, weighing, &c.

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,
JESSE CARTER, Sp'l Ag't.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. B. W. Crews.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, April 28th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in possession of a small amount of State stores, and will load 3 to 4 teams for your company at any time sent in. The time has now arrived when *every man* in service should be *at his post* and *actually* employed scouting on the frontier. An order to that effect was issued from this office on the 12th inst., to all commanders of companies in service of the State, and if not communicated to you by your Captain, you will on receipt of this warn every member of your company, not now employed with the Captain South, to report to you at your company station without delay, properly prepared for efficient service. You have in the absence of your Captain 50 men under your command, thirty of which at least, will be on duty at your station, and in scouts every day in such numbers as you may deem proper. The 20 men you will dispose of among the inhabitants on the immediate frontier, at points regarded most exposed, keeping up daily scouts, and holding themselves subject to your order at a moment's warning.

Should any disobey orders or refuse to render service, you will note the time, discontinue issues and report to this office. I must again admonish you to exercise great vigilance and energy in the discharge of duty, and it is hoped you will inspire your men with similar sentiment and action. Keep me advised of your proceedings.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Lieut. B. W. CREWS, Ft. Carter, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, April 28th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 27th inst., and, in reply, have loaded your three wagons in part with forage,

as per invoice herewith enclosed. I have not subsistence on hand to make up the load entire. I have no salt on hand, and could not get it, and nails none. I have ordered salt, which will soon be here. I have purchased for your command about two hundred bushels of corn at the plantation of Mr. Cross, Alafia, and a man will be there to deliver it upon the receipt of notice here of the day your teams can be there.

Accompanying this is a note to Mr. John Hooker, which you will forward to him. It is to hire his team regularly, which you will take, with Mr. Hagler's and Mr. Seward's, into the service of your company, as also one more 4 horse or 4 mule team, provided one can be procured. The pay I have adopted for 4 horse teams in regular employ is \$5 per day and forage. I wish your train to consist of 4 teams, 4 horses each. Two horse teams are not efficient and should not be employed. Supplies sent you from this office on the 12th and 23d inst. have not been vouched for. A simple receipt in triplicate, sending me two and retaining one copy, is all that is required. This voucher should be given *for all delivered*, and that used on the road you should account for *as issued* in your abstract of issues.

Now, Captain, I sincerely regret that material cause of complaint against you should exist. My communications and orders are not acknowledged and vouchers not given for supplies furnished—reports of service, list of details, accounts of purchases, &c., not made. I am, therefore, compelled to notify you, that until these duties are performed, no further delivery of supplies or communications can be made to you from this office, and I must pursue that course dictated by duty.

By authority of the Governor,
JESSE CARTER,
 Sp'l Agt. State of Fla.

Capt. FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
 Com'dg Mt'd Vol'trs, Comp'y No. 3,
 Fort Frazier, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Captains Kendrick and Johnston.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 28th, 1856. }

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of your joint communication of the 21st inst., embracing number of men composing your commands on the present expedition, which you will please furnish in a more detailed form. A list of names of those composing the command is desired separately.

I was much surprised to learn that my order of the 16th was not received by you till the 21st. It was sent to Capt. Durrance with

instructions to forward it to your camp without delay. I have to thank you for your prompt compliance. A communication under date of the 26th inst., has been received at this office from Lieut. Durrance referring to me for advice, Capt. Kendrick's order to him for 10 men to join his command at Fort Denaud, and I have deemed it advisable to retain them on the frontier. Such instructions as are deemed most advisable for the protection of the frontier in your absence, have been given to Lieutenants Durrance and Crews. Nothing on the line of interest since your departure. With best wishes for success in your efforts,

I am, respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

Captains KENDRICK AND JOHNSTON,
 Fort Denaud, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, April 29th, 1856. }

SIR—Your communication of the 27th, per Mr. McClellan, is received, and, in reply, am gratified at the commencement of the execution of my order of the 16th, and hope it will be productive of benefit to the service and the command individually. The detailed list of the command will be placed on file. I regret to learn that the party of Indians which murdered Mr. Carrey have successfully evaded all pursuit. I am of opinion they are yet in the Alafia Swamps, and vigilant pursuit should be continued. Our frontier is now broken up, and it remains to do the best we can with the present means within our control. Have you been able to determine the cause of fire at Mr. Hamilton's?

I need not assure you that my sympathies are with the people and the country, but my power is limited, with which fact you are familiar.

You have now under your command 58 men, and will make the best disposition of them possible in scouting duty. I have not heard from the Governor since he left for Washington.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent, &c.

Capt. FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
 Fort Frazier, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. L. G. Lesley.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 6th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 28th and 30th ult., and am gratified to know we have carried peace and quietness to the people of your line of frontier. I hope you will not relax your energies, but continue your scouts vigorously.

You will be supplied from U. S. stores at any time you report at the Southern posts. Should you desire to move in that direction with about 30 of your command, I shall be much gratified, and will give you written instructions at any time desired.

The guards for the family of Atzroth should have been furnished promptly. It is helpless females, not the *dram shop*, which we wish to protect, and if Mr. Atzroth forfeits his right to protection by an improper traffic with the guard, then they must be *recalled*. At all events, let us do *our duty*.

Cargo per Bishop 5th April, as follows, viz:

25 sacks Corn 3,207 lbs., 23 do. Oats (weight blank.)

2 bbls. Pork, 7 do. Hard Bread.

1 bag Coffee.

I forwarded to your detachments yesterday as follows, viz: For Alafia—1 bbl. Pork, 2 do. Flour, 28 sacks Corn, half bag Coffee, 65 lbs.

For Fort Blount—1 bbl. Pork, 2 bbls. Flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ bag Coffee, 73 lbs. lead, 1 bag Shot, 18 sacks Corn, 2,627 lbs.

The list of names of your detachment engaged in pursuit of the party of Indians that attacked Dr. Braden has not been received. I fear your Alafia detachment is not getting along well. You should see to it, if possible.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
S. A. State of Florida.

Capt. D. G. LESLEY, Manatee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. F. W. Durrance.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 7th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 4th inst., and in reply have delivered the following stores for Captain Hendricks' Company, viz:

6 barrels of Pork; 12 barrels of Flour; 1 bag of Coffee, 165 lbs.; 1 sack of Corn, 149 lbs.

I deem it proper to notify you that until my order of the 28th ult.

has been executed, no more stores will be delivered from this office, nor accounts certified for Capt. Hendricks' company, and if not complied with *to the letter forthwith*, I shall deem it my duty to *disband* the company.

Respectfully your ob't. svt.,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Lieut. F. W. DURRANCE,
Fort Broome, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 10th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of yours of the 8th, and also the accompanying vouchers.

I am a second time disappointed in engagements for corn at Alafia. We will hereafter haul from this point. I send per teams today all the grain that can be furnished until supplies are received from Orleans, which are expected now.

I had been requested to write you relative to employing two-horse teams. I submit the following calculations, by which you may be governed, viz:

We pay for 4 horse teams \$5 per day, and feed teams, 2 50,	\$7 50
Two teams, two horses each, at \$4 per day,	\$8 00
And feed teams and 2 drivers,	3 00

\$11 00

Now, when the two-horse teams carry but half the weight of that of the four, *which is the case in loading here*, then it should cost the State but half the same paid that of four horse, to wit: \$3 50 per day.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Capt. FRANCIS M. DURRANCE,
Fort Frazier, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 14th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 26th ult., and, in obedience thereto, mustered an addition of eight men to the command of Capt. Addison on the 7th inst. Your instruction embraced

but *five*, but eight having been presented, *recruited in Tallahassee* and marched to this point, I regarded the discharge of three, to return at *their own expense and loss of time*, as a great hardship, and therefore mustered them, believing it would receive your approval. The frontier is at present quiet, and the troops healthy and *actively* employed. I have late letters from Captains Johnston and Kendrick, in the Cypress, which are in *the right spirit*. Copies will be transmitted.

It is to be regretted that the Federal Government does not manifest more energy and activity in the work of removal in the employment of a larger force in the Indian country. This is an important feature in frontier protection and ultimate removal.

Respectfully, your obd't serv't,

JESSE CARTER, Sp'l Agt.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME, Tallahassee.

P. S. My efforts to raise the second company of Foot Volunteers have failed, and it would be well to receive them from any point in the State.

J. CARTER.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 16th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 13th inst., and per teams send corn as per enclosed invoice, for which please return vouchers. Your receipt for 40 bushels corn, received at the plantation of Mr. Cross, the parties delivering claiming a larger quantity. You should receipt for the *whole quantity* received, and the quantity less delivered at your station has of course been issued to teams, guard, &c., which will be charged in your abstracts of issues.

I desire to see you and hope you will come down soon, when your vouchers may all be made correct.

I do not expect you to retain Mr. Stalling's team *especially* as a post team, but if you have use for it, or rather two-horse teams at the proportionate cost of a four-horse team, they may be employed.

I regret that the party of Indians have been so fortunate as to evade your pursuit. Keep out scouts constantly, they may yet be near your line.

No news of interest here.

Respectfully, your obd't serv't,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent, &c.

Capt. F. M. DURRANCE,⁷
Fort Frazier, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Capt. L. G. Lesley.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, 8 P. M., May 16th, 1856. }

SIR—I have this moment received information of an attack on Capt. Bradley by the Indians about dark on the evening of the 14th inst., killing two of his children. They were repulsed. Their direction has not been ascertained, but presume they will retreat Southward on the course of the Hillsborough and Alafia Swamps.

You will order, immediately, such portion of your command as your strength will justify, to such points as you may deem most likely to intercept them, or to find their trail and pursue. You will notify Capt. Addison, who will co-operate with you with such force as he may deem advisable.

You will report the result of your pursuit.

The Indians are estimated from 15 to 20.

Respectfully, your obd't serv't,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent, &c.

Capt. L. G. LESLEY, Camp Tresca, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. F. M. Durrance.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, 8 P. M., May 16, 1856. }

SIR—I have this moment received information of an attack on Capt. Bradley, Hernando county, by the Indians, about dark on the evening on the 14th inst., killing two of his children. They were repulsed. They were estimated at 15 to 20. It is presumed they will take a Southerly direction on the course of the Hillsborough and Alafia Swamps. You will immediately order such force from your command as your strength will justify, to such points as you may deem most likely to intercept them, or find their trail and pursue.

You will report the result of your pursuit. All the commands on this line of frontier have been notified and ordered to pursue these marauders.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent, &c.

Capt. F. M. DURRANCE, Fort Frazier, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. A. D. Johnston.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 17th, 1856. }

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of your communications of the 2nd and 7th inst., and, in reply, acknowledge pleasure in their perusal. I appreciate the tone of your letters. They are in the right spirit, and shall be transmitted to the Executive. I need not add that I am assured the reputation of the State in its military interest at the Cypress is in good hands, and will be preserved with pride and honor.

I have seen Col. Munroe relative to your request, and hope you will receive full ration of grain during the remainder of your stay South.

Give them red skins *bullets* before you return. I shall probably visit you before leaving the Cypress.

Capt. Bradley was attacked on the night of the 14th, with the loss of two children. Capt. Durrance's train was taken to-day at Simmon's Hammock, with the loss of Starling and son and Roach. *All the troops are in motion.*

Respectfully and truly,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Captains A. D. JOHNSTON and
W. H. KENDRICK.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. F. W. Durrance

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 17th, 1856. }

SIR—At 8 P. M. last evening I received, through the kindness of Capt. Thos. C. Ellis, information of the attack on Capt. Bradley by the Indians on the night of the 14th inst., detailing the melancholy result. Cpts. Lesley, Addison, Hooker, Durrance and Sparkman were immediately notified and required to order from each command such force as their strength would justify to such points as they would be most likely to intercept them or discover their trail, presuming they would take a Southerly direction.

It is presumed that you are already in pursuit, with such portion of your command required by the emergency, and will continue pursuit while there is hope of success.

If not already done, on receipt of this notify Lieut. Crews, at Fort Carter, of the presence of Indians on the frontier. You will detail such detachment from your command as may be justified by

its present strength and circumstances, and place them at the disposal of Capt. Bradley, after consulting with him for the protection of that settlement, until further ordered. You will report to me your proceedings under this order, with list of detail for Capt. Bradley, at your earliest convenience.

My order of the 7th inst. has not been acknowledged. You will acknowledge it and report your proceedings therein—your present *strength and position*—without delay.

By authority of the Governor,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Lieut. F. W. DURRANCE, Fort Broome, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, 4 P. M., May 17, 1856. }

SIR—I have this moment received information of an attack by the Indians, at noon to-day, upon a train of three wagons, under an escort of 3 to 4 men, in the immediate vicinity of Simmon's Hammock, about 13 miles from this place, in which two men and a boy, viz: Mr. Starling and son and Mr. Roach, were killed and one man and a mule wounded. The Indians robbed the wagons of the provisions, ammunition, some arms, wagon covers, &c. They are estimated at 15 to 20, and are doubtless the retreating party from Capt. Bradley's. The troops are all in motion, and I hope to furnish you a favorable account of them. This train left this office on the afternoon of the 16th inst., with grain for Capt. Durrance, Fort Frazier. It is reported that the little escort made a gallant defence, but were repulsed. Mr. Starling and Roach were members of Capt. Durrance's company.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER.

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 17th, 1856. }

SIR—At 8 o'clock, P. M., yesterday I received, through the kindness of Capt. Thomas E. Ellis, information of an attack on Capt. R. D. Bradley, of Hernando county, by the Indians, about dark on the evening of the 14th inst., killing two of his children. The Captain was in bed sick, but sprung up, seized his gun and drove them from his premises. They are estimated at 15 to 20. The direction of

their retreat has not been ascertained, but presume it will be Southernly on the course of the Hillsborough and Alafia Swamps. I immediately notified all commanders of State troops to order such force as their strength would justify to such points where they would most likely intercept them or discover their trail, and to make pursuit. Similar orders were given by Col. Munroe to the volunteers in the service of the United States. The result of this movement will be communicated.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER, S. A.

His Excellency James E. Broome, Tallahassee.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 23, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to report, that scouting parties have been actively employed in pursuit of the party of Indians since the 17th inst., and, I regret to say, without success. The Indians retreated from the point where the train was captured immediately on the route they had been travelling in the direction of the Hillsborough Swamps, and have successfully evaded all pursuit. It has not been ascertained whether they are yet in those Swamps, or taken some other direction for the nation.

Captain Lesley is yet operating in the vicinity of Pease Creek, with the view to intercept their retreat.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER, S. A.

His Excellency James E. Broome, Tallahassee.

From Gen. Jesse Carter to Capt. Abner D. Johnston.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 25th, 1856. }

SIR—It is expected that all the State's troops serving South will take up their return march for the frontier on the 27th inst. from Fort Denaud. It is so ordered. Should this reach you before your departure, you will make the best possible reconnoissance of the country on your return march.

Respectfully, your ob't. sv't.,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Capt. Abner D. Johnston,
Fort Denaud, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Lieut. F. W. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 26th, 1856. }

SIR—It is necessary that you should report to me *in person*, which you will do at your earliest convenience.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Lieut. F. W. Durrance,
Fort Broome, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Lieut. B. W. Crews.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 26th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communications of the 21st, 23d and 24th inst., and in reply deem it a very hard case that the inhabitants who have shared the preference in the State's service should refuse to sell, on the faith of the State, such supplies as they have to spare, and such as the State's troops engaged in their protection must consume. With the present limited means within the control of the Executive for supplying the State's forces, such refusal *must* result in disbanding the Volunteers.

I have no funds in my possession with which to supply you to purchase corn, but will submit your application to his Excellency the Governor.

You will evacuate your present station and fall back upon the *immediate* line of frontier settlement, occupying such position as will enable you to render best protection to the inhabitants, and from which you may most conveniently operate against the enemy. You will continue to keep out scouting parties regularly, and report your proceedings under this order.

Your commander will be at his post in a few days, whose approval of your selection of a station, on the line of settlement, will be necessary.

I can load three to four waggons with subsistence and forage for your command at any time you may see proper to send them in.

No late news with us here.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Lieut. B. W. Crews,
Comp'y. No. 5, Fort Carter, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to his Excellency, James E. Broome.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 27th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst., embracing extracts from Capt. Wright's letter to you, relative to the evidences of Indians in the Gulf and Suwannee Hammocks, a copy of which is transmitted in obedience to your request. The State's forces on the frontier will be notified of this intelligence and warned to vigilance and activity in their reconnaissance.

Since early in January last to the present day, active and efficient mounted scouts have been constantly employed on the line of frontier from the Gulf, near Sarasota to Orange County, and no party of Indians have been known to have passed that line at any time whose return South has not been ascertained with certainty, except the party attacking Capt. Bradley and the train on the 14th and 16th inst's. It is believed that that party is now in the Hillsborough Swamp, and it will be thoroughly scoured in the course of this week. Under these facts it is to my mind remarkable that the Indians should be "in considerable force" in the region of Suwannee. Col. Munroe left yesterday for Fort Myers to return in a day or two. He read your communication in my office before leaving, as also that addressed to him, which will be acknowledged on his return. You will see by reference to my communication of the 19th, transmitting the requisition for foot volunteers, your suggestions have in part been anticipated. I fear you will meet much difficulty in organizing foot troops at this season, for such service at the present infantry pay.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency, James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 27th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your three communications of the 7th inst., and have duly noticed contents.—My order of the 16th ult. for 30 men from the command of Captain Francis M. Durrance, to serve south of Carloosahatchie for 30 days, was acknowledged and executed on the 27th ult., on the day that Captains Johnson and Kendrick reported at Fort Denard. This movement was tardy, and was not made until I notified him that all further communications with him and delivery of supplies for his

command would be suspended for your instructions. Under all the circumstances, believing future good will result from it, I have retained a copy of your communication and forwarded the original to Captain Durrance.

Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co. have written explanatory and apologising for the conduct of the steamer "Vanderbilt," which I feel called upon to accept and hope you will approve. By the steamer C. Vanderbilt and schooner J. J. Taylor I have received subsistence and forage for the State's troops from Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co., as per invoice herewith transmitted.

Respectfully, your obt. svt.,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 27th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of orders and communications to commanders of companies in the service of the State, and will at the earliest moment possible transmit copies of all orders and communications emanating from this office. You will receive herewith copies of letters received from Captains Johnston and Kendrick at the Big Cypress. My vouchers and abstract of moneys received and disbursed will be transmitted in a few days.—Vouchers and abstracts of subsistence and forage received and furnished, will also be transmitted soon.

I have found the duties of my agency so arduous that I have been compelled to employ assistance.

Respectfully, your obt. svt.,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

GENERAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 27, 1856. }

SIR—By the steamer C. Vanderbilt you will receive a petition from this community praying your recognition of a company, to consist in part of mounted men, say 30, to be employed in scouring the swamps of the Hillsborough and branches, Alafia, Thonotosassa and Simmons Hammock, Little Hillsborough and 6 Mile Creek, Old Tampa, if necessary, and the Cypress to within Hernando county. Every party of Indians known to have passed the frontier

line of settlement have taken this route, and, on some occasions, the signs of small parties, discovered within a few miles of this place, have been reported, but I have at no time had troops here at my disposal to pursue, and have not deemed it prudent to draw and station a command here from the frontier. Besides, not having men here in service, my dispatches must be transmitted to the commanders of companies, under agreement with private parties, which is to some extent expensive. Such a command may be profitably employed in the region indicated, and would render good service in a general sense. I bespeak for the petition your favorable consideration.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER, Sp'l Agt.
 His Excellency James E. Broome, Tallahassee.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, May 28th, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to report, that at present the frontier is quiet, so far as regards the movement of the Indians. We hear of signs of small parties at several points, but the vigilance and pursuit of our scouts are evaded. It is deemed proper by Col. Munroe and myself to scour the Swamps and Hammocks of Hillsborough and branches, believing it possible that some of the party retreating from Bradley's have concealed themselves therein. Under my order, Capt. Lesley will leave here to-morrow morning to scour the Cypress, (prong of Hillsborough,) and will be joined by Capt. Hooker and others on Monday next, to make a thorough reconnoissance of the Hillsborough Swamps. The result will be duly reported. Enclosed I hand you extracts from Capt. Lesley's report of a recent scout in and beyond Pease Creek, and copy of a letter received from Capt. Wright by way of Cedar Key.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER, Sp'l Agt.
 His Excellency James E. Broome, Tallahassee.

From Gen. Carter to Col. Munroe.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, May 17th, 1856. }

SIR—In behalf of the State's troops serving South I have to request your order for the issue of full rations of grain during their

stay. If you cannot, consistent with duty, so order, please furnish it, and it will be returned here from the State's stores.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent, &c.

Col. John Munroe, Fort Brooke, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. John Addison.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, May 28th, 1856. }

SIR—Your communication of the 10th inst., accompanying roll of 59 men composing your command, was duly received and would have met an earlier reply but for the pressure of business. Moses Pratt is not recognized as a member of your command; his name has been erased from the roll from the day of muster *at his own suggestion*.—I do not know C. Q. Crawford as a member of your command; if enrolled since the muster the date thereof should be entered and proper assurance given that he is *efficiently mounted and equipped*.

You are ordered to keep constantly employed in *actual scouting service*, on the line of frontier and in the settlements, *at least one-third* of your command, beginning at the head of your roll, making details in regular order and succession, that the service may bear equally on all. Those not engaged in actual scouts will be disposed of as local guards for the inhabitants as equally as possible and where they may be most efficient.

You are expected to acknowledge the receipt of this order, and to report your compliance therewith without delay. You will report your details and performance of service, discoveries of the enemy, or his trails, disobedience of orders, if any, and all proceedings under this order, as regularly as practicable.

By authority of the Governor.

Respectfully your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent.

Lieut. John Addison, Manatee, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Lieut. H. V. Snell.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, May 28th, 1856. }

SIR—Your two communications of the 8th and 9th inst. were duly received, and would have had a prompt reply but for a pressure of business.

I thank you for your active and efficient discharge of duties in the absence of Lieut. Addison, and was gratified to know that "the

trail of a large party of Indians on Manatee, going North," proved to be without foundation.

I am myself at a loss how to decide *at present* your relation in the command of Lieut. Addison. I mustered him as first Lieutenant, and so reported to the Governor, with a recommendation that the command be increased to a full company. This has been refused, but the Governor has not in his communications to me defined Addison's rank. I therefore regard him as of the rank of first Lieutenant as mustered, and that the command is entitled to a second Lieutenant.

I hope to be at Manatee soon, and will see you.

Respectfully, your obt. svt.,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Lieut. H. V. Snell,
Manatee, Fla.

Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 28th, 1856. }

SIR—Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you copies and extracts of letters received at this office, of late date, from Messrs. Ellis, Bradley, McNeill, Parsons, Hope and others of Hernando county, J. S. Taylor of Hillsborough County, and M. A. Brownlee of Volusia, setting forth the present condition of the country and inhabitants, recommending additional military force and protection, &c., in the necessity of which I fully concur. I enclose herewith also correspondence with Col. Munroe relative to the issue of full rations of grain to the volunteers serving south of Carloosahatchie and his reply thereto. Also copies of invoices of supplies received from Messrs. E. G. Rogers & Co., New Orleans, for State troops. You will see that the funds deposited with that house subject to my order, are near exhausted.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gen. Carter to Captain Abner D. Johnston.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 31st, 1856. }

SIR—On your return to the frontier you will detail a commissioned officer and 12 men from your command, to which eight will be added from Captain Kendrick's command, and occupy Withlacoo-

chee Ferry, keeping out scouts constantly co-operating with those from your company head-quarters, and from Capt. Hendricks' station. You will, at as early a day as practicable, report your proceedings under this order, your service south of Carloosahatchie, and return to the frontier.

By authority of the Governor.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Capt. Abner D. Johnston,
Fort Carter, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 31st, 1856. }

SIR—On your return to the frontier, and until further ordered, you will abandon your Company Head-quarters and fall back to the immediate line of frontier settlement, and occupy such point as will afford most efficient protection to the inhabitants, and from which your scouts may be most effectually and constantly employed. You will detail eight men from your command to act jointly with a detail under a commissioned officer from Capt. Johnston's Company to occupy Withlacoochee Ferry.

With the balance of your command under a commissioned officer you will occupy the Camp ground, and from each point scouts will be constantly kept out, Co's. operating with each other, or otherwise as circumstances may justify.

By authority of the Governor,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick,
Fort Broome, Fla.

You will report as early as practicable your proceeding under this order, and your service south of Carloosahatchie and return to the frontier.

JESSE CARTER.

Gen. Carter to Captain Francis M. Durrance.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, May 30th, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 27th inst. with accompanying vouchers.

I would not send again to Mr. Hooker for his team, but if sent to you, employ it if needed. I approve your decision relative to Mr.

Vickers' proposition. You will note the date of warning the absentees of your command, to report at head-quarters, from which time the supply of subsistence and forage to such as disobey *will be suspended*, and notify them that their service has been discontinued from that day. You will dismiss from your service every substitute refusing or neglecting to obey orders, and require the *immediate* attendance of the party mustered on the roll, and those who disobey will be *immediately dismissed* from service and stricken from the company roll; and upon receiving your report of the number and names so dismissed, you will be authorized to recruit efficient men to supply their places. A member of a company cannot act as a substitute for another. I send you per teams to-day stores as per invoice herewith.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Captain Francis M. Durrance,
Fort Frazier, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Jacob Summerlin, Esq.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, June 2nd, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of this date in relation to a detail of 5 men from the State's troops for local guard at your place, and, in reply, have to say, that in a personal interview with Capt. Durrance, a few days since, I suggested to him the selection of a suitable point in your neighborhood for a station at which the inhabitants could most conveniently be protected by a detachment from his company. I have not heard from him, but will communicate with him on the subject immediately.

You will readily see, that to make each command efficient, it must have strength to guard the transportation of its supplies, afford local protection at the same time, and also keep up active scouts. For these reasons, it will be necessary to detail at least 15 to 16 men for such point as may be selected, and with the present limited force at my disposal, I can only protect few points, and they must be selected with a view both to the protection of the inhabitants and efficiency of the service. I shall be in the interior in a few days, and will look to this matter.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Jacob Summerlin, Esq., Itchapucksassee, Fla.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. L. G. Lesley.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, June 2d, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your note of yesterday, and in reply send following stores, viz:

6 sacks Oats, 576 lbs.,
1 bbl Bread, 68 "
2 sides Bacon, 64 "
34 lbs. hay for mule.

You will see that a safe guard is sent in with the mule. I am in receipt of information of a party of Indians. McNail is in pursuit. This was about last Saturday. It may be well for you to continue your research in the region of Hillsborough swamps below the bridge, Trout creek, and Big Cypress, so as to intercept their retreat if possible. It is stated that there are 10 in the party. They were seen at the Esselman Plantation on Chocochattee Prairie.

Truly, &c.,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Capt. L. G. Lesley, Hillsborough.

Gen. Carter to Lieut. B. W. Crews.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida,
Tampa, June 3d, 1856. }

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 30th ult., and in reply send per your teams subsistence and forage as per invoice herewith transmitted, for which please return voucher. As previously stated, I have no funds to pay for the purchase of corn, and if the people in whose protection you are employed will not sell on the credit of the State such supplies as they have to spare, and such as the volunteers must consume, it leaves the Governor no alternative, with the limited means within his control, but to disband the troops. This must be the result. I cannot hire teams here. It is better to hire them in the country. Under all circumstances attending the purchase and transportation of supplies to your station, I must instruct you, as I have others, not to issue exceeding 8 quarts oats to the horse per day.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent.

Lieutenant B. W. Crews,
Fort Carter, Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Col. Munroe.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 3rd, 1856. }

SIR—I have the honor to transmit, for information, the enclosed communications received at this office from respectable citizens of Hernando county, detailing recent discoveries of Indian signs in that county at various points, expressing fears of an attack and soliciting military protection, &c. It is my intention to visit the interior in a few days, and will furnish such local protection as the strength of the State's forces will justify, and will be pleased to know if it will be in your power to contribute to the protection sought with the present force at your disposal.

Respectfully, your ob'dt serv't,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Col. John Munroe, Comd'g Troops in Fla.,
Fort Brooke.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Durrance.

(COPY.)
SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 4, 1856. }

Capt. F. M. Durrance,
Fort Frazier, Florida :

Sir—Reports of Indians in the counties of Levy and Hernando, and in the region of Hillsborough swamps, render it necessary that the troops in the service of the State should be vigilant in the performance of duties.

You will detail from your command twenty men and a commissioned officer, and despatch them immediately to the head of Hillsborough, or at the crossing from Snocum to Fort Dade, with orders to scour the Hillsborough swamps, down, until they meet Captains Lesley and Hooker, and co-operate with them.

You can supply them for such time as you deem proper, and when exhausted, their supplies may be replenished here.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Lieut. Parker.

(COPY.)
SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 4, 1856. }

Lieut. S. Parker,
Fort Blount, Florida :

Sir—In reply to your communication per Sergeant Blount, I send per Mr. Triebeles' team supplies for your station, as per invoice.— You will send the team immediately back, under a safe guard.— Above is a table of subsistence rations, by which you will be governed. You will issue not exceeding eight quarts of oats per day, to each horse.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Jesse Carter to his Excellency James E. Broome.

(COPY.)
SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 6, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to report that the swamps and hammocks of Hillsborough and the Cypress have been scoured by Capts. Lesley and Hooker, without having discovered Indians, or very recent signs. Capt. Durrance was ordered on the 4th inst., with a detachment of twenty men, to proceed to the head of Hillsborough, and drive the swamps on both sides to the point of Capts. Lesley's and Hooker's operations.

I will leave here on the morning of the 9th inst., for a tour of the frontier stations, and interior of Hernando, and accompanied by Captain Lesley and twenty-five men of his command, with twenty men from the commands of Capts. Hooker and Sparkman, ordered by Col. Munroe, will scour the hammocks of Chochochatta and An-nuttaliga, where very recent Indian signs have been reported. I will be absent twelve to fifteen days.

The volunteers have returned from their service south of Colloosa-hatchee, in good health. They were not so fortunate as to engage the enemy, but doubtless much good has been accomplished. They penetrated the recesses of the Cypress, burned several Indian towns in it and its vicinity, and crossed it and went several miles south of it on horses.

From appearances, the towns in and about the Cypress had been abandoned some few weeks, which encourages the impression that

the Indians have retreated to the islands of the Everglades, except a few small parties in and about the settlement. Much could be accomplished through the summer, no doubt, by a well directed movement in that direction, with a force of proper strength in boats.

I design, in co-operation with Col. Munroe, to make a movement with about sixty men, in the region of Istapoga, Okeechobee and Kissimi, where we have reason to believe there are Indians, and from where, no doubt, the parties annoying the settlements proceed.

I will advise you of the results of these movements.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Kendrick.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 7, 1856. }

Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick,

Fort Broome, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the 25th ult., received on the 5th inst., and in reply thank you for the information therein. I leave to-morrow morning for a tour of the interior and frontier posts, and will see you personally in a few days.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Durrance,

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 8, 1856. }

Capt. Francis M. Durrance,

Fort Frazier, Florida :

Sir—I am in receipt of your several communications of the 5th and 6th insts., and in reply have to say that I cannot recognise substitutes in the State's service, and if any are taken in the companies, the Captains alone are responsible.

In regard to the case of Dempsey Tillis, if he has deserted, the course you should pursue is very plain ; it is a matter entirely with yourself.

Your absentees have not been formally reported to me. Your vouchers are informal and cannot be received, because, first : the

quartermaster should make his own signature, and not by another ; second : I am supplying your command as an Agent of the State, as my invoices will show, and not as an individual.

I desire you to attend here within the course of this month, and make vouchers to me over your signature for all supplies received from this office.

I could not send salt this trip.

Cpts. Lesley and Hooker have come in, making no discoveries.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 7, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,

Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith, abstract and vouchers for money received and disbursed for the State of Florida, at this office, from the 2d day of April to the 31st day of May, inclusive, 1856, by which a balance of \$132 48 will be found due me. I hope you will remit this sum, with that requested on the 28th ult., at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Captain Lesley.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 21, 1856. }

Capt. L. G. Lesley,

Mounted Volunteers, on

Special Duty, at Tampa, Florida :

Sir—You will proceed immediately, with the force now under your command, to Alafia Station, where you will assume command, and occupy till further ordered.

You will keep scouting parties actively employed in such directions as you may deem best for the interest of the service, and the protection of the inhabitants. You will co operate with the forces of the State, or that of the United States, at such points as the enemy may be reported, or where your service is most necessary. It is

expected that you will thoroughly scour the swamps and branches of Alafia.

You will report the results of your operations as often as practicable.

By authority of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Durrance.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 21, 1856. }

Capt. F. M. Durrance,
Fort Frazier, Florida :

Sir—I returned last evening from a scout of twelve days in Hernando county, in search of a party of Indians, reported in the hammocks of Annuttaliga and Chocochatee, and have this morning received your report of the 14th and 19th insts., detailing the melancholy events on the frontier since the 14th inst.

While I deeply sympathise in the loss of several good and brave men, and also with their bereaved families, I can but rejoice in the glorious results of those engagements, as they fall heavily upon the enemy, and reflect great credit on the troops engaged. I have handed your report to the press, and it will be published in the issue of to-day, and it shall be promptly transmitted to the Governor. The entire community here both sympathise and rejoice in those events. Tender to those brave boys my hearty congratulations.

It was my intention to send forward supplies and reinforcements for the pursuing party, but I fear it is now too late.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Kendrick. }

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 21, 1856. }

Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick,
Fort Broome, Florida :

Sir—I must express surprise and disappointment at your absence from your post on the frontier, on my arrival there on the 17th inst., when my intention to be there on that or the next day, was previously known to you ; also in the fact that my order of the 31st ult., has neither been acknowledged or executed ; and my entire disappoint-

ment of your unprecedented furlough of thirty-two men of your command for twenty days at the same time, which you will immediately recall, and notify those men to be at their post and ready for duty at a moment's warning. That part of the order of the 31st ult., requiring eight men of your command to act jointly with a detachment of Capt. Johnson's command, occupying Withlacoochee ferry, is hereby countermanded. You will strengthen your detachment at the camp ground to twenty-five men. You will immediately establish a station of thirty men at Pierceville, under a commissioned officer, and with the remainder of your company you will occupy the point designated as your head-quarters. You will require the immediate attendance of every member of your company at the points above designated, and promptly execute this order. You are hereby authorized to fill deficiencies in your command, occurring by death, by recruiting efficient men in their places.

The exposed situation of the frontier, and especially that of Hernando county, demands prompt and efficient action on the part of the troops in service. You will therefore report to this office the names of every man, if any, refusing to obey your orders, with the date of such refusal, and they will be immediately stricken from the roll, and efficient men recruited in their places.

You will notify the inhabitants in the vicinity of your stations, to avail themselves of the protection afforded at these points.

It is expected that you will execute this order with promptness and energy, and you are required to report it fully executed by the 4th day of next month.

I must again remind you that the reports of purchases, issues, etc., for your command, so repeatedly called for, have not been furnished.

By order of the Governor.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

P. S.—It is proper I should state that, until these orders are executed, and proper buildings erected for the safe-keeping of supplies, the further delivery of subsistence and stores will be suspended.

JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent, &c.

Capt. Kendrick.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Lesley.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 23, 1856. }

Capt. L. G. Lesley,
Mounted Volunteers,
Alafia, Florida :

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of yesterday, and in

reply, am gratified to know you found your station in good order, and occupied by fifteen men of the detachment present. Should you occupy temporarily the Cross place, divide your command, leaving a sufficient guard at the Station—relieving them as you may deem advisable.

While I feel assured the State would sustain you in the purchase of the corn referred to, and my anxiety to secure it, it seems to me a hard case that you should be required to make yourself personally responsible. You must act in the matter according to the dictates of your own judgment.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Col. Munroe.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 24, 1856. }

Col. John Munroe,
Commanding Department in Florida,

Fort Brooke:

Sir—I have the honor to report that I left this place on the 9th inst., according to our previous arrangements, accompanied by Capt. Lesley and eighteen men of his command, and your co-operative force of about sixteen men under Capt. Sparkman, to scour the hammocks of Hernando county, where it was reported Indians had been seen recently.

We occupied near two days in scouring the Cypress on our way, and about six days in the hammocks and scrubs of Annuttaliga, Chocochatee and Teachudeo, and returning, examined the hammocks, shoals and crossings of Hillsborough, down to Roble's bridge. Most of the service was performed on foot, and was thorough. We were assisted in our examinations by Lieut. John McNeill, with several members of his independent command, and citizens of the county.—We returned on the evening of the 21st inst., not having discovered either Indians or their recent signs.

There is no doubt the Indians were there as reported, but had probably returned southward, prior to our movement, and the incessant rains had obliterated their tracks. Their object was that of reconnoissance, and they doubtless design an attack in that quarter soon. The inhabitants are much exposed, being at home, and in parties of two and three families, at different points. The only force at my disposal in that county, is the company of Capt. Kendrick, which I have taken measures to place in efficient position, occupying three points from the eastern line of settlement, to its cen-

tre, at which the inhabitants may assemble for protection, and from which scouts may with facility operate on the Cypress, Hillsborough and Withlaconchee, and in the central hammocks. Our movement quieted to a great extent the excitement prevailing in the community on our arrival.

On the 16th inst., while in Chocochatee hammock, a report of an attack on Mr. Tillis on the 14th, reached us, when I suggested to Capt. Sparkman the probable necessity of the immediate return of his command to the frontier, which I reported at noon of the 18th, and on the afternoon of the 19th, he left us on the Hillsborough and returned to his post.

Capt. Sparkman was fully consulted on all matters connected with our movements, prior to the afternoon of the 18th, in all which he fully concurred, and, I regret to say, the harmony of co-operation was on the morning of that day, disturbed by an impropriety on the part of Capt. Sparkman, followed by language very discourteous to me.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, June 24, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida:

Sir—I have the honor to report that in accordance with my communication of the 6th inst., I left here on the morning of the 9th inst., for the purpose of scouring the hammocks of Hernando county, where it was reported Indians had been seen recently. My force consisted of Capt. Lesley and eighteen men of his command, and a co-operative force of about sixteen men under Capt. Sparkman, under order of Col. Munroe. A few men of each command were dispatched in the direction of Alafia, on the morning of the day we left, to pursue a small party of Indians, the signs of which had been discovered the day previous.

We occupied about two days scouring the Cypress, about six days in the hammocks and scrubs of Annuttaliga, Chocochatee, and Teachoateo, and came in by way of Hillsborough hammocks, examining shoals and crossings, and returned on the evening of the 31st, not having discovered Indians, or signs upon which we could rely. There is no doubt the Indians were there, as reported, but after making a reconnoissance probably left to return south, prior to our arrival. We were joined in Hernando by Lieut. John McNeill, with

about eighteen men of his independent command, and several citizens.

Our service was performed mostly on foot, and was very thorough. Our movements quieted, to a great extent, the excitement prevailing in the community. The inhabitants of Hernando are much exposed, being at home, and in parties of two and three families, at various points. There can be no doubt the Indians design an attack in that quarter very soon, and the only force at my disposal for that service is the company of Capt. Kendrick, which I have taken measures to place in an efficient position, occupying three points from the eastern line of settlement to the centre of the county, west, at which the inhabitants may assemble for protection, and from which scouting duty may be performed on the Cypress, Hillsborough, Withlacoochee, and central hammocks, with facility. The service of an additional company in that county is actually necessary, and should be employed there if possible. I therefore renew my application for such force, or at least a detachment.

The party of Indians pursued in the direction of Alafia, on the 9th inst., were probably a part of those from Hernando, returning south, they evaded pursuit.

Respectfully, Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, June 24, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
 Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of Capt. Durance's official report of the 14th, detailing a series of conflicts with the Indians on Pease creek, from that day to the 19th inst., in which we have lost several good citizens, in killed, and a number wounded. While we sympathize with those who suffer, we can but rejoice in the unprecedented achievement of that little band of gallant men. The Indians had selected their ground, and knowing the strength of our party, doubtless anticipated an easy victory. But the gallant charge of the little party produced a panic in their ranks, and being posted on the river bank, were compelled to meet our troops at the muzzle of their pieces. To this movement may be attributed the result of the day. From the battle ground the enemy retreated down the river, supposed to be in boats or on rafts, and were warmly pursued by our forces, but they have returned unsuccessful, the Indians having quit the river on the south side, and could not be trailed.

Very Respectfully, Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, July 28, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
 Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—Your Excellency will pardon the liberty exercised in submitting for your consideration, the following suggestions, presented with a view to the pecuniary interests of the State, and the efficiency of the present service.

Instead of placing deposits in commission houses, as heretofore, I would suggest the transmission of funds to me, direct, or deposits in safe banks in New Orleans or New York, upon which I may draw in the purchase of supplies, in future. I will present some of the advantages to the State under this regulation :

1. I can now purchase some articles of subsistence from the U. S. Commissary here, with cash, at New Orleans costs, saving to the State, commissions, and all other charges ; such opportunities are frequent here ;
2. Grain may be purchased here from planters, with cash, below New Orleans costs and charges, which may be made a material item of saving to the State, and will, at the same time, disburse the State's funds among her own people, which to my mind is expedient and equitable ;
3. Such supplies as must of necessity be purchased in New Orleans, may be procured through me, direct, at quite as moderate terms as through a commission house.

Very Respectfully,
 Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
 Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
 Tampa, July 30, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
 Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—The anxiety existing generally, and frequently made manifest among volunteers in the service of the State, to be mustered out at the expiration of six months from the day of mustering in, renders it necessary that I should urge upon your Excellency's consideration the propriety of re-organizing the present service, as continuing six months from the day of muster, provided a majority of each company express a desire so to accept it, and authorize me in that event to discharge and re-organize them.

This course will prevent much complaint, confusion, and probably mutiny. Already we have several dismissals for insubordination, which vacancies have been filled by recruits.

I shall be pleased to hear from you on this subject, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, July 30, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to report that during this month the troops have been able to do but little or nothing in the way of active operations.

Since the first of the month, the country has been, and continues to be, literally inundated. While we have been thus prevented from action, the Indians, from the same cause, have been unable to annoy us. Our expedition to Istopoga will move at the earliest day practicable. There is but little doubt the Indians are in that region in force, with their families.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, August 7, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—The interests of the State, the reputation and efficiency of its service, demands the immediate exercise of powers not fully delegated in your written instructions, but fully implied in the character of my appointment and duties, as an Agent of the State. And I appeal to your Excellency to sustain me in what I may rightfully do. I have determined to disband the commands of Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick, and Lieut. John Addison, the former on the 25th inst., and the latter on the 8th proximo, and will make public call for a mounted company to fill the vacancy of Capt. Kendrick's, to be mustered on that day, and a detachment of thirty mounted men at Manatee, and

will propose to muster the remaining force at that place, as footmen for local guards. I will also propose the question of mustering out and re-organization to Capts. Johnson, Durrance and Lesley. The reasons which impel me to this course, shall accompany my report of its performance.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

P. S.—I shall be able to show you the necessity of this action, and you will see the favorable results in the improvement and efficiency of the service. The reorganization shall be placed upon a more wholesome basis, and, so far as possible, relieve it of local incumbrances. The local guards of Manatee should be foot, and the mounted detachment should be employed in active duties as rangers.
JESSE CARTER.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, August 15, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Florida House, Tampa :

Sir—Your instructions of this date, accompanying Col. Munroe's requisition for three companies mounted volunteers, and instructions relative to a re-organization of the present State forces, have been received, and will be strictly observed.

I have also received from your Excellency sundry blank commissions for officers, to be elected under Col. Munroe's late requisition.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, August 16, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions, of date the 15th inst., relative to the immediate re-organization of the present State forces, and retention of five mounted companies in the service of the State. Also, a copy of Col. Munroe's requisition for three companies of foot volunteers, of date the 1st

inst., and your instructions of this date relative thereto; all which will be strictly observed and promptly attended to.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, September 6, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,

Tallahassee, Florida:

Sir—I have just returned from the frontier, and hope to report the organization of the State troops, under your late instructions, complete in the course of two weeks.

It is my intention to take the field by the 15th October, with the five companies mounted volunteers being now organized, leaving a small defensive guard on the frontier. To do this effectually, I must invoke your prompt aid in procuring necessary supplies. I should now be employed throwing out supplies to our outer posts, from which to draw when in the field, but they are not on hand. I would also make a small shipment to Fort Myers, to be carried up to Fort De-naud by the steamer Ranger, but cannot until a cargo is received here.

Knowing the uncertainty and irregularity of our communication and shipments from Orleans, I must request you to deposit the sum of \$6,000 for the purchase of subsistence, at your earliest convenience, subject to my order. I shall hope you will approve and facilitate my movement on the day appointed.

Your recognition of a detachment of foot guards at each frontier station, would greatly augment my active force, and facilitate the winter campaign.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

(COPY.)

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, September 6, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,

Tallahassee, Florida:

Sir—I have conferred with planters in Sumter, Hernando and Hillsborough counties, relative to the purchase of corn for the troops

in the service of the State, and have engaged about six thousand bushels at \$1 to \$1 25 per bushel, delivered at our stations, and I can purchase at these figures a sufficient supply for the four mounted companies, for their term of six months, which you will see upon making estimates, will require about twelve thousand bushels. The Mannatee will be supplied by purchase in New Orleans. I need not submit estimates to show you the saving to the State in these purchases, to say nothing of the propriety of investing money with our own people.

I hope you will place at my command, by the 1st of October next, \$15,000 to invest as above, which will enable me to secure at once the necessary supply of grain for the six months' term, and to dispense with that item of team hire, which has been very considerable.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to M. Whit Smith.

(COPY.)

PIERCEVILLE, Florida, }
September 24, 1856. }

M. Whit Smith,

Commanding Battalion:

Sir—I am in receipt of your note of this date, informing me that the troops directed to be tendered to me are now on parade—requesting my attention with you to receive them. In reply, I will be in attention.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

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PIERCEVILLE, Florida, }
September 24, 1856. }

M. Whit Smith,

Commanding Battalion:

Sir—Capt. H. F. Smith has furnished me a written statement of his intention to disobey your order instructing him to report his command to me, and he is therefore not considered under my command. The detachments of foot troops under Capt. Bell and D. M. they refuse to remain in the service of the State till these commands can be filled up, and received into the United States service, and they cannot be received in that service until full. Besides, many of these men

are sick, and unable to render service or to return home. I therefore suggest the necessity of providing them with subsistence and transportation to the point where they were mustered in, and there muster them out.

I hope Capt. Sullivan will succeed in filling out his company, and present it at Tampa for the United States service.

You will please deliver at Camp Joyard, ten days' rations, from State stores in your possession, where I will communicate with him.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Capt. Smith.

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PIERCEVILLE, Florida, }
September 24, 1856. }

Capt. H. F. Smith :

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of the 22d instant, handed by yourself on to-day, acknowledging receipt of an "order" from Col. M. Whit Smith, instructing you to report your command to me, forthwith, for reasons stated, etc. This order, I presume, was issued in obedience to late Executive instructions, and I am here, under the same authority, to receive you. But, without investigating the reasons assigned, I must assure you I entertain no desire to change your determination, nor to attempt to influence your command in the least.

I have no authority to discharge you.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, October 20, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith, abstract and vouchers for money received and disbursed for the State of Florida, from the 1st of June to the 20th October, inclusive, 1856, which I hope will meet your approval.

I must again request a remittance of about \$1,000 to meet current expenses, and other out-standing accounts, negotiated here on a cash basis.

I leave to-day for Fort Meade, where I meet the State's forces on the 22d, to accompany them in the field. I expect to cross Pease

creek on the 23d, and will scour the country between that stream and Kissimee, and south to the Gulf.

As Gen. Harney is expected to arrive at an early day, and to assume command at once, I am impressed with the impropriety of extending my movements beyond that event.

I shall be pleased to hear from you soon.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

P. S.—I was too late for this mail in getting up my abstract and vouchers—will transmit them soon.

JESSE CARTER.

From the same to the same.

BIG CHARLEY POPKA, }
Saturday, 2 P. M., October 25, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I am now twenty-five miles south-east of Fort Meade, where my forces crossed Pease creek, late on the evening of the 23d inst.

My command consists of the following forces, viz : Capt. Wm. H. Kendrick, rank and file present, fifty-two men ; Capt. Abner D. Johnson, rank and file present, forty-three—absent on special duty and sick, six—Surgeon present ; Capt. E. T. Kendrick, rank and file present, eighteen—absent on special duty and sick, thirteen—one Ass't Surgeon present. Our train consists of nine four and five mule teams, two two horse teams, and one single horse wagon.

We are supplied for about fifteen days, and officers and men are all in good spirits. We are to some extent retarded by sickness.

I divide my command at this point. One division with me moves for Istopoga and Kissimi ; the other down Pease creek, along the coast, and up Calloosahatchee. I hope to make a good report.

Respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
JESSE CARTER,
Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gov. Broome.

PIERCEVILLE, Florida, }
September 25, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,
Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th inst., and the accompanying copy of Executive instruction to Col. Whit Smith, commanding special battalion, of

date the 9th inst., and in obedience thereto, in being notified by Col. Whit Smith, of his readiness, I attended here to receive the troops to be tendered to me. Captain H. F. Smith declined to remain in the service, and report to me. A copy of his written declination and my reply are herewith enclosed.

The foot companies of Capts. Hughey, Bell and Sullivan, are neither full. In an interview with Col. John Munroe, commanding the Department, before leaving Tampa, I ascertained that they would not be received till full. Captain Sullivan's command was not present, but there is reason to believe he can fill up, and I therefore addressed him a communication relative thereto, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The commands of Capts. Bell and Hughey, present, with the exception of one man, peremptorily refused to remain in the service of the State till the commands could be filled, which left me no alternative but to direct their discharge. See copies of communications to Col. M. Whit Smith, herewith enclosed.

Under date of to-day I have issued orders to Capts. Hughey and Bell, to raise each a foot company, and present them at the earliest day practicable, for the United States service. See copies herewith.

The State's stores now in possession of Col. Smith, will probably all be consumed in the return march of his troops.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

[COPY.]

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, November 11, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,

Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—I have the honor to report that in accordance with my communication of the 25th ult., I divided my command on the next day at Big Charley Popka, creek, Capts. Durrance and E. T. Kendrick moving down Pease creek, with orders to scour its branches to the coast, and report at Fort Meade on the 4th. With Capts. Johnson and Wm. H. Kendrick, I moved in a south-east direction, to the lakes of Istapoga, Lieut. Whitaker's command having been despatched from Fort Meade to Tampa, on duty, with orders to return to Fort Meade and Mannatee. At Big Charley Popka, a large camp was discovered, occupied last summer, where the Indians had killed and jerked beef. The country composing (lakes, scrubs and swamps,) Istapoga, has been thoroughly scoured—settlements recently inhabited, and small fields cultivated this season, were discovered. The Indians have gone eastward, doubtless beyond Kissimi; discover-

ed much sign of hogs—found some which we used in camp. Capts. Durrance and Kendrick, report a large trail of cattle, driven from Jones's creek, in a south-east direction. Old camps, and a canoe, supposed to have been used by the party attacking Tillis, in June last, were discovered. This division returned to Fort Meade on the 4th, and mine on the 6th inst. It was my desire, and that of the command generally, to pursue beyond Kissimi, but supplies in the field and in store being entirely exhausted, forced our return.

The command is now at rendezvous, where we await the arrival of Gen. Harney (and supplies from New Orleans) when we cross Kissimee, unless otherwise employed. I am favorably impressed with the efficiency, energy and subordination of the State's troops, generally, and take this occasion to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness of Capts. Johnson and Kendrick, associated immediately with me, and to bear testimony to their abilities, energy and untiring perseverance in the discharge of duty. Surgeons Peck and Kendrick, and Adjutant Michler, discharged their respective duties in a satisfactory manner, and voluntarily partook of much fatigue of the march and camp. Capts. Durrance and Kendrick, whose service was not performed under my immediate observation, doubtless discharged their duty faithfully. It is my conviction and that of the command generally, that there is no considerable number of the enemy at this time west of the Kissimi. Our frontier is at present in perfect peace and quiet.

Gen. Harney is reported to be at Key West, and is expected here hourly.

The schooner Venice, with \$3000 worth of supplies, for the State troops, is due from Orleans, and looked for every day. Our subsistence is entirely exhausted, and I am buying from the merchants here.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From the same to the same.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, November 13, 1856. }

His Excellency James E. Broome,

Tallahassee, Florida :

Sir—By the Hon. Mr. Gettis, our Representative, I had hoped to transmit company accounts, with abstracts and vouchers complete, and muster rolls in the late term of service, but find myself unprepared, and fear it may be important in the way of data, to accompany your annual message. It is not entirely attributable to my late absence of twenty days in the field, but, notwithstanding my repeated instructions to commanders, at the commencement of the service, to make prompt returns, but few have come in, and those very

recently. I hope, however, to transmit them in time for a special message, and Legislative action.

The companies authorized under your order of August last, have not been filled out. Capts. Johnson, Durrance and Wm. H. Kendrick, are full, and the Rangers under Capt. E. T. Kendrick, and the Manatee company, under Lieut. Whitaker, are recruiting, and I hope will soon be full.

My conference with Col. Munroe, relative to a guard from Tampa to Ocala, under your instruction of August last, resulted in its provision on my part, for which purpose I received a detachment of mounted volunteers, under Lieuts. John McNeill and Joshua Mizell, about fifty, rank and file, and the service has been performed satisfactorily, as also scouts on the frontier of Hernando.

Gen. Harney has not arrived, but is expected hourly. A schooner has been sent from Fort Myers to Key West, to convey him to Tampa. You will gratify me by communicating the disposition to be made of the State's forces, in event of their non-acceptance by Gen. Harney.

We have no late Indian news. All quiet on the frontier.

Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

From Gen. Carter to Gen. Harney.

SPECIAL AGENCY, State of Florida, }
Tampa, November 26, 1856. }

Wm. S. Harney,

Brevet Brigadier General,

Commanding Department :

General—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your requisition of the 25th inst., addressed to his Excellency Jas. E. Broome, Governor of Florida, through this office, for "seven independent companies of mounted volunteers, in addition to the companies of mounted volunteers now in the service of the United States, and to serve for six months, unless sooner discharged."

I transmit the requisition to his Excellency, retaining a copy, and proceed at once to raise the force required, and hope to present them at Fort Brooke, for inspection and muster, by the 20th prox.

I have exercised this authority as Special Agent of the State, to avoid the delay attending communications with his Excellency, and to facilitate your operations.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JESSE CARTER,

Special Agent of the State of Florida.

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