

defences of the same, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund do hereby give their consent and, so far as they have authority and power so to do, do authorize the President and Directors of any Railroad Company in the State, which has accepted the provisions of the Internal Improvement Act, to lend or sell to the government of the Confederate States any portion of the iron on their respective roads which the Confederate States government may desire to borrow or purchase for the purpose of more effectually defending the country during the continuance of the existing war."

On the 30th June, 1863, the Trustees adopted the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, it is made known to this Board that certain parties have purchased and design purchasing the swamp and overflowed land belonging to the Internal Improvement Fund lying upon the coast, suitable for the purposes of making salt, with an object to monopolize and speculate in the same, and, whereas, it is desirable in the great crisis and necessities of our country that the people should not be precluded or hindered by such means from manufacturing one of the absolute necessities of life, i. e. salt, but should each one have the privilege of occupying as much land as is actually necessary to him, according to the extent of his salt works, for manufacturing this article—Therefore,

Resolved, That the salesman of this Board be and he is hereby instructed to withdraw from sale, until the further instructions of this Board, all swamp and overflowed lands lying within two miles of the coast or marsh, unless it shall be made to appear to him that said lands are purchased for the purposes of cultivation and not for the purposes of salt-making."

On the 11th September, 1863, the Trustees adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, That all the lands belonging to said Fund are hereby withdrawn from market, except to such persons as may desire to enter lands which shall have been cultivated and improved by them, or for the use of an adjoining farm owned by them, who shall be permitted to enter 160 acres at the following prices, to wit: \$2.50 per acre for swamp lands, and one hundred per cent. upon the appraised value for Internal Improvement Lands: *Provided*, That persons whose applications are now on file may be permitted to perfect their entries."

On the 12th October, 1863, the Board authorized the Treasurer to invest \$30,000 of the money in his hands belonging to the Internal Improvement Fund in Confederate Bonds, known as "Cotton Bonds."

On the 16th October, 1863, the Trustees adopted the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this State, by the 5th section of "an act to repeal an act to facilitate the construction of the St. Johns and Indian River Canal, approved January 1, 1857, and for other purposes," provided that the Attorney General "shall file an application before the Supreme Court for a rehearing in the case of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund vs. William Bailey," &c.: Therefore, in consideration of the above cited provision of said Act, the consent of this Board is hereby given that such application shall be filed by the Attorney General in accordance therewith."

According to the report of the salesman of the Board, there were sold during the past year 5,014.69 acres of Internal Improvement land for \$8,896.62, and 35,334.86 acres of swamp land for \$32,179.39, making a total of 41,716.01 acres of land for the sum of \$41,076.01.

The account of the Treasurer of the Board for receipts and expenditures for the past year is hereto annexed.

JOHN MILTON,

President Board Trustees Int. Imp. Fund.

Q. M. GENERAL'S REPORT

Q. M. GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Oct., 1863.

To His Excellency JOHN MILTON,
Governor of Florida:

SIR: I have the honor to report, that during the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1863, there has been received from the Confederate Ordnance Department, in the month of December, 1862, the following ordnance, viz:

81 percussion muskets; 81 each cartridge and cap boxes, and waist belts; 81 knapsacks and haversacks; 81 canteens, straps and corks. All of which were forwarded to Capt. E. A. Curry's company, stationed in West Florida, with 3,000 rounds of ball and buckshot cartridges, and 3,120 musket percussion caps furnished by the State.

There has been sent from this Department, delivered to Captain R. H. Gamble, upon a requisition of Brig. Gen. Howell Cobb, for the purpose of arming some companies in March last, when the enemy made an attack upon Jacksonville, the following arms, &c., viz:

30 Minnie muskets; 60 Minnie bayonets; 60 Minnie cartridge boxes and belts; 60 bayonet scabbards; 60 cap boxes and belts; 40 musket slings; 6 screw-drivers; 2 ball screws; 4 wipers; 59 percussion muskets, and bayonets, and scabbards; 40 cartridge boxes and belts; 20 wallets and straps for ammunition; 60 cap boxes and belts; 6,130 ball cartridges; 6,250 musket percussion caps; 120 belt plates; 10 screw-drivers; 10 wipers and 10 ball screws, all of which were received by Captain R. H. Gamble and forwarded to Madison, en route for Jacksonville.

There are remaining in this Department (19) nineteen Harpers' Ferry rifles, in good order; (25) twenty-five horseman's percussion pistols, in good order; (20) flint and steel horseman's pistols, in bad order, and (30) thirty horseman's pistols, partly prepared for being changed from flint and steel to percussion, but unfinished for the want of a competent workman.

There were (26) twenty-six fine officers' swords fitted up by the State, of which there are in hand in the office (11) eleven, the others having been sold to officers in the army from this State, and some in hands of parties for sale.

AMMUNITION.

There is in the magazine at this place the following:

25 boxes fixed ammunition, comprising musket, rifle and pistol cartridges, (12,880 rounds of all kinds); 1,000 pounds cannon, about 450 pounds rifle and musket powder, all in good order.

The Minnie cartridges have percussion caps packed with them.

There is belonging to the State (12) twelve barrels of powder and (2) two kegs fixed ammunition, stored in a secure position at the old railroad depot in this place. This ammunition, from information received, was brought from the Arsenal at Chattahoochee by order of Ex-Gov. M. S. Perry, and on account of not being able to place it in the city magazine, had it left at the depot. I have ascertained from the railroad agent that it is secure and in a good location. It is but very recently that this ammunition has come to my knowledge. There is no record of it in this office, and it was unknown to my predecessor, Captain G. S. King. We have (3,500) thirty-five hundred musket percussion caps. There was 1,000 pounds lead on hand, to which 1,625 pounds has recently been added by purchase, making 2,625 pounds of lead on hand.

There is on hand 250 knapsacks, which, in the absence of State troops, could be disposed off to the Confederate States, if needed by them.

ARSENAL.

The State Arsenal at Chattahoochee, with its appertenances and all the material in hand, except the ammunition, was turned over to Brig. Gen. Howell Cobb for the use of the Confederate forces stationed at Chattahoochee, for the river defences.

The ammunition was left in charge as State property and reserved. It consists of the following, viz:

22 cases, 100 pounds each, cannon powder; 5 barrels, 100 pounds each, rifle powder; 4 barrels, 100 pounds each, musket powder; 19 kegs, 25 pounds, FFF powder; 10 kegs, 12 ½ pounds, FFF powder; 12 kegs 6 ¼ pounds, FFF powder, and 32,250 musket percussion caps.

The 5 barrels rifle and the 4 barrels musket are a prime article. The small kegs are, some of them, apparently slightly caked. The cannon powder is of small grain, suitable for six pound guns.

Several of the buildings stand in need of repairs; the small houses outside of the main enclosure especially. The large and small magazines are in good condition.

All of the books and papers relating to the affairs of the Arsenal while in possession of the U.S. are securely packed and placed in a safe position at the Arsenal.

CLOTHING.

There has been made up by the different patriotic Ladies' Societies, from material furnished by the State, the following, viz:

3,735 pairs cotton drawers; 2,765 cotton shirts; 169 jackets and coats from wool plains; 809 pairs pantaloons from wool plains, and 1,000 pairs cotton hose.

From the above, there has been sent to Florida troops the following:

To troops in Virginia, by F.R. Cotton, Esq., special agent, 860 pairs cotton drawers.

Troops in Tennessee, in charge of Lieut. F. L'Engle, 374 pairs pantaloons, from wool plains.

Troops in Tennessee, T.P. Denham, Esq., special agent, 720 pairs cotton drawers, and 377 cotton shirts.

Troops in Tennessee, in charge of Captains Love and Davidson, 529 cotton shirts, and 324 pairs cotton drawers.

To Cumberland Gap, in charge of Capt. H. Bradford, 291 cotton shirts, 80 pairs cotton drawers; three boxes, containing carpet blankets, woolen jackets and socks.

There was also sent by the Soldiers' Friend Society, in charge of Capt. Bradford, the following, from material furnished and made up by the Society, 94 pairs socks, 99 neck comforts, 20 carpet blankets, 12 pairs gloves, 10 bed comforts, 15 white blankets, 10 sheets, 8 pairs of shoes, 9 coats and pants.

To Virginia, in charge of Dr. J. Crews Pelot, one box 180 cotton shirts.

Capt. Partridge's cavalry company, 108 pairs cotton drawers, 108 cotton shirts.

Ancilla Troop, stationed in Taylor county, 32 cotton shirts, 42 pairs cotton drawers.

To 6th Florida Regiment, Capts. White, Basset and Grace, 88 pairs cotton drawers.

To 6th Florida Regiment, by Capt. Love, 145 pairs cotton drawers, 139 cotton shirts.

To 4th Florida Regiment, by Capt. McKay, 226 pairs pants from wool plains.

Sent to the army in the West, in charge of Capt. Edw. Bradford, jr., 997 cotton shirts, 997 pairs cotton drawers, 209 pairs pants from wool plains, 169 jackets and coats from wool plains, 988 pairs cotton socks, one box carpet blankets sent in, 2 sacks coffee, 3 barrels syrup, for Hospital use.

There was a lot of clothing made up from State material by Ladies' Society at Micanopy, which was forwarded by Col. Perry to the 7th Regiment in Tennessee, and for which there is no receipts.

There is on hand two hundred cotton shirts and one hundred pairs of cotton drawers. Also, one bale osnaburgs, not yet made up, in the hands of the Ladies' Sewing Society at Gainesville.

Independent of the foregoing, there has been forwarded to Virginia and Tennessee a number of packages which have been sent in to this Department to be forwarded.

There has been sent to the Hospital at Richmond, by Council B. Allen, as special agent, one box containing 480 pounds of castile soap, and six barrels syrup. Also, three sacks coffee, purchased and sent to the Florida Hospital at Richmond from Charleston, S. C., which reached the Hospital in good order.

CARDS.

There has been received from the Florida Card Manufacturing Company, five hundred and forty-seven pairs of Wool Cards, which have been distributed as follows:

Alachua county, 24 pairs; Jackson county, 31 pairs; Levy county, 12 pairs; Calhoun county, 27 pairs; Hamilton county, 12 pairs; Washington county, 26 pairs; Nassau county, 12 pairs;

Leon county, 48 pairs; Jefferson county, 26 pairs; Gadsden co., 24 pairs; Volusia county, 24 pairs; Orange county, 24 pairs; Taylor county, 24 pairs; Hillsborough county, 24 pairs; Bradford county, 24 pairs; Madison county, 24 pairs; Escambia co., 48 pairs; Santa Rosa county, 48 pairs; Liberty county, 24 pairs; Lafayette county, 24 pairs; Wakulla county, 2 pairs; Franklin county, 3 pairs.

The Card Company are now manufacturing Cotton Cards for the State as fast as it is possible for them to do so. They have many difficulties to contend with, being compelled to manufacture all their wire, which is a great drawback to furnishing Cards as fast as they could if wire could be procured. They will in a short time be able to furnish them with more rapidity than heretofore, having added more machines and procured a more powerful engine.

It is desirable that some provision should be made, so that the Card Company may be able to retain the services of such workmen as they may find competent for the business, as they are subjected to great inconvenience to themselves as well as loss to the public in not being able to secure the services of those who are competent for as long a period as they may be required. All that they thus far have been able to procure are attached to the army and obtained only on a short detail.

As the law now stands, great inconvenience is experienced in this Department in paying the bills and demands against it, many of which are for trivial amounts. At present the bill has to be approved by the Quartermaster General, then taken to the Comptroller, who issues his warrant for the amount of the bill, and the voucher is placed in that office, thus leaving this office without any proper check on its business or the ability to readily determine what bills have or have not been paid. The remedy for this is easy and simple. Authority should be given to the Quartermaster General to make quarterly estimates of the amount probably required for his office, present these estimates to the Governor, and, if approved by him, let the Governor give his order on the Comptroller for the amount, and the Comptroller issue his warrant therefor. At the end of the quarter the Quartermaster General can settle with the Comptroller, exhibiting his vouchers and have the same allowed, if paid according to law. Any balance remaining in hand being chargeable to him in the next ensuing quarter.

Very respectfully,

Your obed't serv't,

EDW'D BARNARD,
Capt. and A. A. Q. M. Gen.

NOVEMBER 5th, 1863.

Since the foregoing there has been received into this Department 10 bales, 3,410 yards wool plains, which are now being made up into clothing for the soldiers. Also, three bales of cotton osnaburgs, which have been made up into salt sacks.

There has been received from contribution sixty bushels of salt, and by purchase seventy-four bushels, of which the amount of eighty-five bushels have been distributed.

Very respectfully,

EDWD BARNARD,
Capt. and A. A. Q. M. Gen.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE
INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD.

TREASURY OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Nov. 12, 1863.

To the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

SIRS: In compliance with the law, requiring reports to be made to the General Assembly, I herewith submit the financial report for the period of Nov. 1, 1862, to Oct. 31, 1863.

Since the report of 1862, the Fund has received an increase to her railroad stock account of one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars, and to her sinking fund account the sum of thirty-seven thousand two hundred and forty-six 75-100 dollars. And has invested in bonds of the Confederate States thirty thousand dollars for her principal account, and forty-one thousand three hundred dollars for her Sinking Fund.

Respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN,
Treas. Bd. Trus. Int. Imp. Fund.

The Treasurer in account with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

1863.		DR.	
Nov. 1—	To balance per report of this date,		\$7,656 72
20—	To am't received from Pensacola & Geo. R. R. Co. on net earnings ac't for 12 mos. to June, 1862,		20,550 61
1863.			
Mar. 16—	To am't rec'd from At. & Gulf Central R. R. Co. on Sinking Fund ac't for 18 mos. to Jan'y, 1863,		8,325 00
Ap'l 25—	To am't rec'd from Fla. R. R. Co. on Sinking Fund ac't for 12 mos. to July, 1862,		16,180 00
	To am't rec'd from same on net earnings ac't for same period,		3,197 65
June 23—	To am't rec'd from John B. Galbraith, Atty Gen'l, on account of land notes collected,		1,000 00
July 27—	To am't rec'd from Fla. R. R. Co. on Sinking Fund ac't for 6 mos. to Feb'y, 1863,		8,090 00
	To am't rec'd from same on net earnings account for same period,		5,714 94
	To am't rec'd from At. & Gulf Central R. R. on Sinking Fund ac't, 6 months to July, 1863,		2,775 00
Sept. 11—	To am't rec'd from J. B. Galbraith, Atty Gen'l, on land notes collected,		7,500 00
	To am't rec'd from land notes collected,		19 11
Oct. 7—	To am't rec'd from J. B. Galbraith, Atty Gen'l, on land notes collected,		5,250 00
31—	To am't rec'd from H. A. Corley, Register, on account land sales,		41,076 00
	To am't rec'd from land notes,		2,985 80
	To am't rec'd from interest account,		2,318 91
	To am't rec'd from interest ac't of Sinking Fund,		1,627 00
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			\$184,266 73

1862.		CR.	
Nov. 20—	By am't paid interest on \$294,025 bonds of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co.,		\$20,581 75
22—	By am't paid F. L. Villepigue, Sec'y, balance salary,		55 55
28—	By am't paid certificate of Register for Jeff. Sullivan, (land entry cancelled,)		116 88
Dec. 3—	By am't paid certificate of Register for J. B. Smith, cancelled land entry,		20 08
15—	By am't paid interest on \$3,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Company bonds,		105 00
1863.			
Jan'y 5—	By am't paid W. M. McIntosh, services,		15 00
	By am't paid salary of officers 4th quarter, 1862, H. A. Corley, Register, Sec'y, Treasurer,		200 00
	By am't paid C. H. Austin, Treasurer,		200 00
24—	By am't paid Chas. Findeisen, bill for binding books for Register,		80 00
	By am't paid certificate of Register for M. C. Peterson, cancelled land entry,		90 16
Mch. 19—	By am't paid T. B. Barefoot, bill printing,		10 00