

## Q. M. GENERAL'S REPORT.

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 Q. M. GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
 Tallahassee, 31st Oct., 1864. }

To His Excellency JOHN MILTON,  
 Governor of Florida:

SIR: I have the honor to report:

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### CLOTHING.

There has been made up, by various patriotic ladies' societies, the following clothing:

362 coats, 1,040 pants, 569 shirts, from wool plains; 368 shirts, 31 pair drawers, from cotton osanburgs, and 787 pair cotton socks; and by purchase there has been added to this Department seven hundred pair soldiers' shoes.

Forwarded to Gen. Bragg's army in March, 117 coats, 119 pants from wool plains, 31 pair cotton drawers, 329 cotton shirts, 285 pair cotton socks. At the time these were forwarded, a box was sent from the Soldiers' Friend Society of Tallahassee for hospital use.

Forwarded to Macon, Geo., to be deposited for distribution, 744 pair pants, 79 coats, 385 shirts from wool plains, 220 pair cotton socks and 100 pair soldiers' shoes. The shoes ordered to be taken to the Florida Brigade in Northern Georgia.

Forwarded in May, for the Florida troops in Tennessee and Virginia, 211 shirts, 117 pair pants, 101 coats, all made from wool plains; 19 cotton shirts, 262 pair cotton socks, 179 pair soldiers' shoes. The following sent to Floridians in the 3d regiment engineer corps, Gen. Buckner's command: 20 coats, 20 pants, 20 pair cotton socks, 20 cotton shirts, 20 pair soldiers' shoes.

To Florida brigade near Petersburg, Va., 40 pair soldiers' shoes. There is in hand 340 pair shoes and 130 pair cotton socks.

### CARDS.

There has been received from the Florida Card Manufacturing Company, twenty-five hundred pairs of cotton cards, made under the contract of 1863, which have been distributed as follows:

Alachua County, 120 pair; Baker, 72 pair; Calhoun, 24 pair; Clay, 96 pair; Columbia, 96 pair; Duval, 48 pair; Escambia, 24 pair; Franklin, 18 pair; Gadsden, 127 pair; Hamilton, 120 pair; Hernando, 72 pair; Hillsborough, 72 pair; Holmes, 48 pair; Jackson, 171 pair; Jefferson, 74 pair; Lafayette, 48 pair; Leon, 98 pair; Levy, 24 pair; Liberty, 48 pair; Madison, 120 pair; Manatee, 24 pair; Polk, 72 pair; Putnam, 48 pair; Santa Rosa, 26 pair; St. Johns, 15 pair; Sumter, 72 pair; Suwannee, 120 pair; Taylor, 49 pair; Walton, 96 pair; Wakulla, 49 pair; Washington, 48 pair; remaining of this contract, one box, which has been reserved for Nassau County.

Another contract has been made with the Card Manufacturing Company for one thousand cotton cards, from which there has been received five hundred and seventy-eight pair, and distributed from this number 24 pair to Taylor County, 24 pair to Hamilton, 24 pair to Franklin County, and two pair sold to soldiers at cost.

ARSENAL.

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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 ob't sv't,

EDW'D BARNARD, Q. M. G.

# STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION

*To the several Counties under the provisions of "An Act to provide for the Relief of Soldiers' Families and others that require Assistance," approved December 3d, 1863.*

COUNTY.	Balance reported on hand Dec. 3, 1863.	No. of Families returned for year 1862-'63.	No. of Persons in the fam- ilies for year 1862-'63.	No. of Families returned for year 1863-'64.	No. of persons in the fam- ilies for year 1863-'4.	Amount paid for the years 1862-'3.	Amount paid for the years 1863-'4.	Bush. of Salt Distributed.	Bushels of Salt on hand, held till applied for.
1 Alachua.....	171 94	174	571	186	710	8,000 00	37,000 00		100
2 Baker.....		46	179	105	380	4,912 76	5,000 00	50	
3 Bradford.....	2,184 00	145	515	152	558	7,466 60	5,000 00	155 1/2	
4 Calhoun.....		53	175	62	111	3,167 01	2,124 00	25	
5 Clay.....		113	455	79	225	4,781 25	5,071 30	104 1/2	
6 Columbia.....		98	369	86	354	6,181 44	6,500 00	50	
7 Duval.....	none	151	716	143	578	6,334 48	7,100 00	65 6-50	
8 Escambia.....		45	145	52	189	2,411 12	7,700 00		26
9 Franklin.....	499 00	66	240	48	149	3,228 00	7,268 50		20
10 Gadsden.....	none	135	332	202	699	7,102 08	21,100 80	95	
11 Hamilton.....		107	371	181	656	6,099 24	5,400 00	90	
12 Hendon.....		63	191	104	286	4,172 92	4,000 00		50
13 Hillsboro.....	none	100	320	70	259	6,662 88	7,321 80		40
14 Holmes.....		109	447	65	220	6,345 84	4,000 00	80	
15 Jackson.....	875 00	105	536	220	792	4,433 04	22,000 00	100	\$6,000 held in reserve for this county.
16 Jefferson.....		167	502	188	617	4,352 82	18,633 40		
17 LaFayette.....	none	89	331	93	359	5,441 64	6,000 00	50	
18 Leon.....	954 26	115	425	121	413	6,950 36	12,472 60	55 4-50	
19 Levy.....	2,055 50	83	249	79	301	3,731 88	9,090 20	86 20-50	
20 Liberty.....	none	64	225	60	241	1,974 21	7,308 40	35	
21 Madison.....	2,700 00	178	640	154	635	10,669 56	18,271 00	85	
22 Manatee.....		33	108	38	126	1,489 07			18
23 Marion.....		114	386	141	513	5,523 84	10,000 00	90 1/2	
24 Nassau.....		74	308	73	315	4,981 32			40
25 Orange.....	70 00	30	167	49	109	2,745 49	6,009 80		30
26 Polk.....	none	42	149	39	137	2,087 88	2,500 00		20
27 Putnam.....	486 00	94	321	63	237	5,277 24	7,157 40	30	
28 Santa Rosa.....		141	411	82	254	3,750 60	3,500 00		40
29 St. Johns.....		14	45	44	168	746 50	480 00		24
30 Sumpter.....	117 00	63	225	94	307	3,699 00	5,500 00	45	T. T. Russell and Bar- tola F. Oliveras, Trustees.
31 Suwannee.....	1,050 00	110	379	139	518	6,230 76	15,648 60	70	
32 Taylor.....		75	278	84	295	4,370 32	4,999 60	40	Neill Henry, Trustee.
33 Volusia.....		36	128	41	167	2,955 25			23
34 Wakulla.....	none	45	139	64	165	5,455 60	3,000 00		23
35 Walton.....	74 60	84	315	133	517	2,268 72	5,000 00		72
36 Washington.....		94	329	54	206	4,668 76	4,250 00		28
Exiles from St. Augustine.		33	85			1,600 00			
Refugees at Greenville, Ala.		45	127	11	51	1,000 00			7
Refugees at Montgomery, Ala.		24	61	22	54	1,010 00	500 00		8
Fernandez.....			1			300 00			
Expenses of agents.....						573 85			
Osnaburgs for salt sacks.....						785 25			
Catharine Whaley.....						32 81			
Thread distributed here.....						166 78			
Salt (2,000 bush.) & expenses.							21,001 50		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,481 11 74</b>	<b>9,633 13 24</b>	<b>186,628 94</b>	<b>291 448 40</b>	<b>1,453 30 50</b>	<b>569</b>			

Warrants drawn by the Comptroller under act of Dec. 5th, 1862, as per report of Nov. 2d, 1863. \$191,505 83

Warrants drawn under same act and included in report of this year..... 7,159 37

Total warrants drawn under act of Dec. 5th, 1863, \$198,665 20

Deduct:

Amount returned to the treasury as per Comptroller Report Nov. 2d, 1863..... \$ 505 10

Amount returned since Nov. 2d, 1863, and reported by Comptroller this year..... 1,521 16— 12,026 26

Amount expended under act of December 5, 1862 (as above)..... \$186,638 94

Warrants drawn by the Comptroller from Nov. 1st, 1863, to Oct. 31st, 1864, as per report of this year \$263,701 77

Warrants drawn from 1st to 15th November (inclusive) since the report was made..... 84,901 60

Total warrants drawn for relief of soldiers' families since Nov. 1, 1863..... \$298,602 77

Deduct:

Amount of Warrants drawn under act of Dec. 5th, 1862, included in report of this year, and a part of above amount of \$263,701.77..... 7,159 37

Amount expended under act of December 3d, 1863, as above..... \$291,443 40

SAMUEL BENEZET,  
Private Secretary to the Governor.