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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 23, 1864.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

[By the CHAIR.]

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., May 23, 1864.

To the House of Representatives :

In response to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th January last, I herewith transmit, for your information, a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a list of those who have been retired from the military service, "in accordance with the provisions of the act for ridding the army of ignorant, disabled and incompetent officers."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,)
War Department,)
Richmond, Va., May 26, 1864. }

To the President of the Confederate States :

SIR: I have received the following resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 15th of January, 1864, and referred by your Excellency to this Department :

"Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to this House the number of officers, of different grades, who have been retired or dropped from the army, in accordance with the provisions of the act for ridding the army of ignorant, disabled and incompetent officers."

In response, I have the honor to transmit the accompanying list of such officers, which has just been furnished by the Adjutant and Inspector General, from the records of his office.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

LETTER FROM THE ADJ'T & INSP'R GENERAL.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
May 21, 1864. }

HON. JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War :

SIR: In answer to your letter of the 16th of January, 1864, I have the honor to enclose a list of the officers who have been retired or dropped from the army, in accordance with the provisions of the act for ridding the army of ignorant, disabled and incompetent officers, to be forwarded to the House of Representatives, in accordance with a resolution of that body, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

Copy of a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th of January, 1864 :

“ Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to this House the number of officers, of different grades, who have been retired or dropped from the army, in accordance with the provisions of the act for ridding the army of ignorant, disabled and incompetent officers.”

Official copy :

JOHN WITHERS,
Aisitant Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
May 21, 1864. }

The following is a list of officers of different grades who have been dropped from the rolls of the army, in accordance with the provisions of the act for “ ridding the army of ignorant, disabled and incompetent officers,” by orders from Adjutant and Inspector General's office:

First Lieutenant J. M. Terrill, company E, forty-eighth North Carolina regiment, October 21, 1862.

Second Lieutenant O. R. Harrell, company E, forty-eighth North Carolina regiment, October 21, 1862.

Captain John T. Chambers, company I, nineteenth Georgia regiment, October 28, 1862.

Lieutenant L. A. Nash, company C, fourth Georgia regiment, October 29, 1862.

Surgeon O'Hagan, thirty-fifth North Carolina regiment, November 1, 1862.

Captain Levi J. Knight, twenty-ninth Georgia regiment, May 28, 1863.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Brander, company B, twenty-seventh Virginia regiment, June 10, 1863.

Second Lieutenant A. T. Culpepper, company C, sixteenth Virginia regiment, July 31, 1863.

Captain J. D. McKinney, company E, first Florida cavalry, August 6, 1863.

First Lieutenant W. G. Stokely, company E, first Florida cavalry, August 6, 1863.

Second Lieutenant C. D. Craig, company E, first Florida cavalry, August 6, 1863.

First Lieutenant Michael Doherty, company C, nineteenth Virginia battalion, August 27, 1863.

First Lieutenant P. J. Cummings, company D, thirty-third Tennessee regiment, September 30, 1863.

Second Lieutenant Marshall Munroe, company F, second Virginia regiment, December 1, 1863.

Second Lieutenant J. D. Bryant, company B, forty-ninth Georgia regiment, December 1, 1863.

Captain Thomas M. Gobble, company I, forty-eighth Virginia regiment, December 1, 1863.

First Lieutenant M. T. Swint, company C, forty-ninth Georgia regiment, January 19, 1864.

Lieutenant L. O. Kirk, company K, sixth Louisiana regiment, January 19, 1864.

Assistant Surgeon George Armstrong, twenty-fifth Virginia regiment, January 23, 1864.

Captain T. M. Hewitt, Assistant Quartermaster, Army of Northern Virginia, April 14, 1864.

Lieutenant Calvin Dickinson, company D, tenth North Carolina battalion of artillery, May 18, 1864.

Captain A. Kilpatrick, company A, thirty-second Alabama regiment, May 18, 1864.

Second Lieutenant L. D. Alexander, company F, sixteenth North Carolina regiment, May 18, 1864.

Second Lieutenant O. C. Bryan, company F, forty-eighth Virginia regiment, May 18, 1864.

Second Lieutenant J. P. Ray, company B, sixteenth North Carolina regiment, May 18, 1864.

Second Lieutenant John H. Sale, company B, eighteenth Virginia battalion, May 18, 1864.

Second Lieutenant C. R. Walden, company E, forty-ninth Georgia regiment, May 18, 1864.

Second Lieutenant J. T. McGahee, Patterson's Alabama cavalry, May 18, 1864.

Official:

JOHN WITHERS, *Ass't Adj't Gen'l.*

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
May 21, 1864. }

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