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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 5, 1865.

To the House of Representatives :

In response to your resolution of the 25th November last, I herewith transmit communications, which furnish the information desired relative to the "commissioned officers attached to and employed in the different Departments and Bureaux in the city of Richmond."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF WAR.

C. S. A. WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Dec. 16, 1864.

To the President :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives adopted on the 25th ultimo, as follows :

"Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish this House with a list of all commissioned officers attached to and employed in the different Departments and Bureaux in the city of Richmond, showing their ages, and how many are fit for field service."

In response, I respectfully refer to the annexed tabular statement, which contains the information desired.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

Returns of Military Officers on duty in the various Bureaux of the War Department.

No.	NAME.	RANK.	Age.	Fit or unfit for field service.
A. and I. General's Office:				
1	S. Cooper, - - -	A. and I. General,	66	
2	R. H. Chilton, - - -	Col. and A. I. G.	49	Fit for service in field.
3	C. McRae Selph, - - -	Capt. and A. I. G.	25	" " "
4	John Withers, - - -	Lt. Col. and A. A. G.	38	" " "
5	H. L. Clay, - - -	" " "	42	" " "
6	E. A. Palfrey, - - -	" " "	34	" " "
7	S. W. Melton, - - -	" " "	34	" " "
8	J. B. Hoge, - - -	Major and A. A. G.	39	" " "
9	John W. Riely, - - -	" " "	25	" " "
10	W. S. Barton, - - -	" " "	44	" " "
11	C. M. Blackford, - - -	Captain, &c.	-	Temporarily detailed for duty.
12	J. F. Jones, - - -	Captain,	-	Temporarily detailed for duty.
Q. M. General's Office:				
1	A. R. Lawton, - - -	Brigadier General.	45	Fit for service in field.
2	W. F. Alexander, - - -	Major and Q. M.	32	" " "
3	W. B. B. Cross, - - -	" " "	41	" " "
4	Wm. L. Bailey, - - -	" " "	56	" " "
5	R. S. Cox, - - -	" " "	39	" " "
6	C. J. Leigh, - - -	Capt. and A. Q. M.	38	" " "
7	W. W. Lester, - - -	" " "	36	" " "
8	Charles Morris, - - -	" " "	39	" " "
Office of Foreign Supplies:				
1	Thos. L. Bayne, - - -	Lieut. Colonel,	40	Fit for field service.
2	J. Denegre, - - -	Captain,	26	" " "
Engineer Bureau:				
1	J. F. Gilmer, - - -	Major General,	46	Fit for service in field.
2	A. L. Rives, - - -	Colonel,	31	" " "
3	J. H. Alexander, - - -	Major and A. A. G.	24	" " "
4	F. Herbst, - - -	1st Lieutenant,	45	Unfit for " "
5	T. R. Price, - - -	1st " "	-	Fit for " "
Surgeon General's Office:				
1	S. P. Moore, - - -	Surgeon, U. S. A.	49	
2	C. H. Smith, - - -	" " "	45	Fit for field service.
3	Thos. H. Williams, - - -	" " "	35	" " "
4	F. Sorrell, - - -	" " "	37	" " "
5	Chas. Brewer, - - -	Surgeon, P. A. C. S.	32	Unfit for field service.
6	Herman Baer, - - -	" " "	34	Fit " "
Ordnance Bureau:				
1	J. Gorgas, - - -	Brigadier General,	46	Fit for field service.
2	J. A. de Lagnel, - - -	Lieut. Colonel,	37	" " "
3	E. B. Smith, - - -	Major,	31	" " "
4	R. H. Glenn, - - -	Captain,	38	Unfit for field service.
Bureau of Conscription:				
1	John S. Preston, - - -	Brigadier General,	55	Fit for field service.
2	G. W. Lay, - - -	Lieut. Colonel,	42	" " "
3	C. B. Duffield, - - -	Captain,	39	" " "
4	Thos. Goldthwaite, - - -	1st Lieutenant,	24	" " "
5	J. A. Lynham, - - -	1st " "	24	" " "
6	Thos. Pinckney, - - -	2d " "	24	" " "
7	T. P. August, - - -	Colonel,	42	Unfit for field service.

No.	NAME.	RANK.	Age.	Fit or unfit for field service.
Signal Bureau:				
1	Wm. N. Barker, -	Captain, -	47	Unfit for field service.
War Office:				
1	C. W. Harris, -	Lieutenant, -	24	Invalid corps; lost a leg at Chancellor's; assigned to clerical duty.
Nitro and Mining Bureau:				
1	J. M. St. John, -	Colonel, -	35	Fit for field service.
2	R. Morton, -	Lieut. Colonel, -	31	Unfit for field service.
3	H. F. Reardon, -	Captain, -	28	Fit for " "
4	S. Chalaron, -	Captain, -	24	" " "
Subsistence Department:				
1	L. B. Northrop, -	Colonel, C. G. S., -	53	Unfit for field service.
2	F. G. Ruffin, -	Lieut. Colonel, -	49	" " "
3	S. B. French, -	Major, -	34	Fit for " "
4	T. U. Dudley, -	Major, -	27	" " "
5	S. B. Brewer, -	Major, -	30	" " "
6	J. M. Strother, -	Captain, -	26	" " "
7	J. C. Abrams, -	Captain, -	32	" " "
Exchange Bureau:				
1	W. H. Hatch, -	Captain, -	31	Fit for field service.
Asst. Q. M. General's Office:				
1	Larkin Smith, -	Lieut. Colonel, -	50	Fit for field duty.
2	Geo. H. Fitzwilson, -	Captain, A. Q. M., -	25	" " "
Army Intelligence Office:				
1	R. Gatewood, -	Chaplain, -	34	Fit for field duty.

RECAPITULATION.

	Fit for service.	Unfit.	Total.
Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, -	12	-	12
Quartermaster General's Office, -	8	-	8
Office of Foreign Supplies, -	2	-	2
Engineer Bureau, -	4	1	5
Surgeon General's Office, -	5	1	6
Ordnance Bureau, -	3	1	4
Bureau of Conscription, -	6	1	7
Signal Bureau, -	-	1	1
War Office, -	-	1	1
Nitro and Mining Bureau, -	3	1	4
Subsistence Bureau, -	5	2	7
Exchange Bureau, -	1	-	1
Assistant Quartermaster General's Office, -	2	-	2
Army Intelligence Office, -	1	-	1
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COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF NAVY.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Dec. 3, 1864.

To the President:

SIR:

In response to the following resolution, adopted by the House of Representatives on the 25th ultimo, and referred by you to this Department for report,—“Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish this House with a list of all commissioned officers attached to and employed in the different Departments and Bureaux in the City of Richmond, showing their ages, and how many are fit for field service,”—I have the honor to transmit herewith, a list of the commissioned officers of the navy on duty in Richmond, showing their ages, duty, &c.

With great respect,

Your ob't servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

NAME.	AGE.	HOW EMPLOYED.
Captain F. Forrest, -	- 68	President of examining board.
Captain S. S. Lee, -	- 59	Chief of office orders and detail.
Commander Robt. G. Robb, -	- 55	Commanding navy yard, Rocketts.
Commander M. Mason, -	- 55	Commanding naval rendezvous.
Commander Jno. M. Brooke, -	- 37	Chief of office "ord. and hydrog'y."
Lieutenant Jno. H. Parker, -	- 44	Special service.
Surgeon W. A. W. Spotswood, -	- 60	Chief of office "medicine and surgery."
Lieutenant A. M. DeBree, -	- 37	Ordnance duty.
Lieutenant Robt. D. Minor, -	- 34	Ordnance duty.
Paymaster Jno. DeBree, -	- 65	Paymaster of station.
Paymaster Jas. A. Semple, -	- 45	Chief of office provision and clothing.
Surgeon James Cornick, -	- 66	Naval rendezvous.
Lieutenant J. Humphreys, -	- 51	Office of orders and detail.
Surgeon Wm. B. Sinclair, -	- 46	On station.
Surgeon Jas. F. Harrison, -	- 38	Naval hospital.
Assistant Surgeon Jno. DeBree, -	- 26	Naval hospital.
Assistant Surgeon Jas. E. Duffel, -	- 24	Naval hospital.
Engineer Wm. P. Williamson, -	- 55	Engineer department.
Paymaster Jas. K. Harwood, -	- 34	Duty on station.
Assistant Paymaster S. S. Nicholas, -	- 26	Duty on station.
Constructor Jno. L. Porter, -	- 48	Office of construction.

As naval officers are not called upon to perform "field service," the fitness of those embraced in this return for such duty has never been determined. Eight of the twenty-one are over fifty-five years of age, and four are between forty-five and fifty-five.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, C. S. A.
Richmond, Nov. 30, 1864.

To the President :

SIR :

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 25th instant, I have the honor to report, that there are no commissioned officers attached to and employed in this Department, or any of its Bureaux, in the City of Richmond.

Very respectfully,

G. A. TRENHOLM,
Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMUNICATION FROM POSTMASTER GENERAL.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Nov. 29, 1864.

To the President :

SIR :

In response to your reference of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 25th instant, requesting the President "to furnish this House with a list of all commissioned officers attached to and employed in the different Departments and Bureaux in the City of Richmond, showing their ages, and how many are fit for field service," I have the honor to report, that there are no commissioned officers attached to or employed in the Post Office Department, other than the Chiefs of the Contract, Appointment and Finance Bureaux, who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

If the resolution is intended to cover these, H. St. George Offutt, Chief of the Contract Bureau is forty-three years of age, and would be able to perform military service in the field. B. N. Clements, Chief of the Appointment Bureau, is forty years of age, and is unfit for military service in the field. Alexander Dimitry, Chief of the Finance Bureau, is sixty years of age, and is unfit for military service in the field.

With great respect,

Your ob't servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.

COMMUNICATION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Richmond, Va., Nov. 29, 1864.

To the President :

SIR :

In response to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 25th instant, I have the honor to report, that there is but one commissioned officer of the army or navy attached to and employed in this Department. Edward G. Dill, Clerk in the Bureau of Public Printing, is a captain in the third Virginia regiment (local defence troops). He is 29 years old, and is fit for field service, but is detailed as an expert for duty in that Bureau, his services there being deemed indispensable.

GEO. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Richmond, Nov. 28, 1864.

To the President :

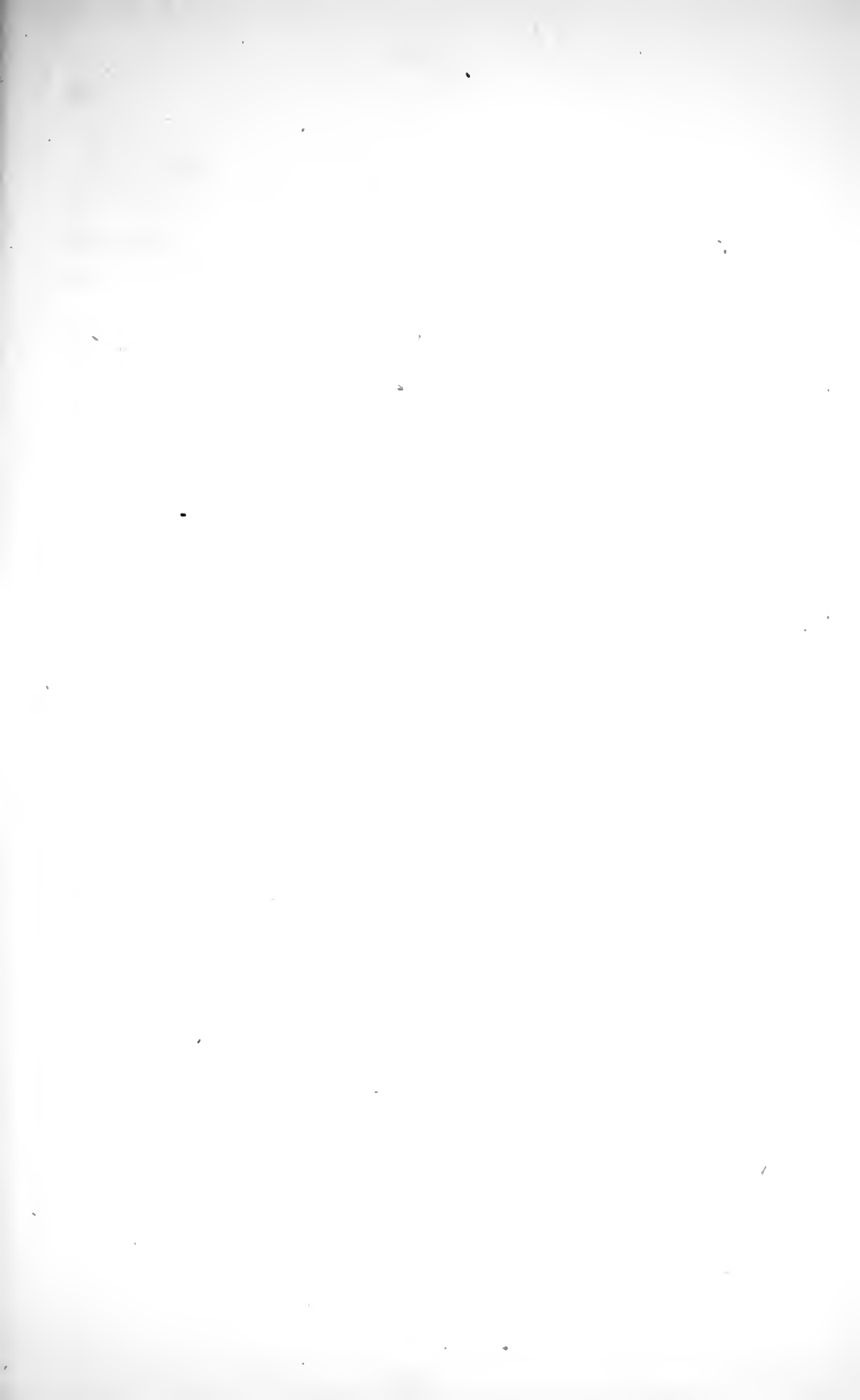
SIR :

In answer to the enquiry contained in the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 25th instant, asking for "a list of all commissioned officers attached to and employed in the different Departments and Bureaux in the City of Richmond," I have the honor to report, that no commissioned officers of the army or navy are employed by this Department in the City of Richmond.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN,
Secretary of State.



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