

The following communication was received from the Auditor of public Ac-
counts.

Auditor's office, Missouri;
City of Jefferson,
Dec. 1st, 1838.

To the Hon.

The House of Representatives;

In answer to a resolution of the House in relation to the unsold Saline lands, and the condition of the Saline fund, The undersigned has the honor to reply; that there are no plats; in this office by which the amounts of unsold Saline lands will appear; but that such plats are deposited in the office of the State Treasurer. The unsound condition of the Saline fund will appear by the report of the Auditor made some days since to the two Houses of the General Assembly, to which I most respectfully refer you, for information on that point.

I am most respectfully,
your ob't. serv't.
HIRAM H. BABER.
Auditor P. Accounts.

Which was on motion of Mr. Geyer, referred to the committee on Education.

Sealed proposals for printing the Journals of this House for the present session was received from Calvin Gunn.

When Mr. Young of Callaway moved that they be laid on the table;
Which was rejected, and

On motion of Mr. Geyer, the same referred to the committee on printing.

On motion of Mr. Biggs;

Ordered that the bill entitled an act supplementary to an act to provide for the establishing and keeping in repair roads in the county of Pike; approved Feb. 6, 1837; be not printed;

And on his further motion the committee of the whole was discharged from the further consideration of the above mentioned bill;

And the same was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Geyer pursuant to notice leave being given introduced;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the partition of lands;

Which was read a first time; and ordered to a second reading.

The following communication from his Excellency, Lilburn W. Hoops; by Mr. Bay; his private Secretary; was received and read:

To the Hon.

The House of Representatives;

Of the State of Missouri:

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of 22d, ultimo, requesting the Governor to communicate to the House all information in his possession in relation to the recent difficulties between the people called Mormons and a portion of the people of this State, copies of all orders issued by the executive calling into service; Volunteers and militia; and for the Government thereof; and for the conduct of the military operations, with copies of all correspondence in relation to said difficulties and the mili-

tary operations authorised by the Governor; I have now the honor herewith to transmit the information required including Maj. Gen. Clark's reports and a portion of the testimony taken upon the examination of the Mormon prisoners before the hon. Austin A. King Judge of the fifth judicial circuit; at Richmond in Ray county. It will be seen from the report of Gen. Clark that he has made arrangements to preserve the residue of the testimony, which when received will be transmitted to the House.

As formidable as the insurgents were represented; as they are now known to have been; still the number of troops ordered in this service may appear large. In detaching so many the executive it appeared to me every way best to send such a force as would use them into submission; a smaller number could undoubtedly have conquered and subdued the disaffected in combat, but many valuable lives would have been lost; and I did not consider that I should truly reflect the wishes and opinions of the people had I stopped to weigh the expenditure of a few thousand against the best blood of the land. I received information of the partial interruption of the peace in Dewitt Carroll county, whilst absent from the Seat of Government but took no order on the subject, knowing that the officer in command of the militia of that division was fully authorised under the law and had ample force, to preserve the peace. It will be seen from the report of Maj. Gen. Atchison that measures were promptly adopted by him to meet the emergency.

Immediately upon receiving intelligence of the last Mormon outrage, Gen. Atchison and Lucas, repaired to the scene of difficulties with a considerable force. Although this movement was not directed by the executive, and was unknown to him, it was justified by the circumstances, and meets his fullest approbation much injustice, I have reason to believe has been done to this part of the command by the public press, which it is hoped a thorough investigation will make manifest to the world.

The conduct of Maj. Gen. Clark has fully justified the high expectations entertained of him by the executive, when he was assigned to the delicate and important command.

Among the papers submitted I am happy to lay before the House a voluntary tribute from the principal men amongst the Mormons, to the humanity and kindness with which he executed this disagreeable duty and to the good conduct of his troops.

The information herewith transmitted under the call of the House of Representatives, supercede the necessity of a special communication to both Houses of the Legislature, which it was my intention to have made as announced, in my message at the opening of the session, and will it is hoped be taken as a redemption of that pledge. The undersigned therefore respectfully requests that the House of Representatives at such time as they may deem convenient and proper, will cause the communication and the document submitted to be laid before the Senate for the consideration of that body.

I have the honor to be most

Respectfully your ob't. serv't.

LILBURN W. BOGGS.

City of Jefferson,

Dec. 5th, 1838.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Williams Assistant Secretary:
Mr. Speaker,

I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate