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## ITEM.

## CALIFORNIA GUARDS NO. 1. MONTEZUMA REGIMENT

Fifteen good men wanted to complete the above company.  
The highest Bounty paid, and one months pay in advance Head-  
Quarters corner St. Charles and Poydras Sts.

Horatio Davis.

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## MONTEZUMA REGIMENT

An election of field officers of this Regiment was held last evening, when Gen. Horatio Davis was elected Colonel; C.K. Johnson, Lieut. Colonel, and -- Fiesca, Major.

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Headquarters, La. Militia  
May 16, 1846

General Order No. 3.

Four Regiments of Volunteers having been formed to supply the Requisition of Gen. Taylor upon this State, and which were called for by "order #1." It is hereby announced by his excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that no further Volunteers can be received under said Requisition and Order. The Louisiana Legion having been accepted, is not excluded in this order, until further action of the Legislature. The expenses of Volunteers which have not arrived in time, in coming and returning, will be defrayed by the State Government. It is with regret the Commander-in-Chief is forced to forgo their service. He is proud to acknowledge and attest that the alacrity with which they have responded to the call of their country, and doubts not the safety of our institutions, when defended by such bold hearts and ready hands.

By order of his Excellency, Isaac Johnson,  
Commander-in-Chief

Charles N. Rowley,  
Adj. & Insp. General

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## ITEM

We give the following, as an accurate statement of the four Regiments of Volunteers, required by Gen. Taylor, complete,

J. B.  
COLONEL WALTONS REGIMENT.

Capt.	I.F. Stockton	66 Men.
Capt.	R.L. Stockton	63
Capt.	J.W. Bryce	61
Capt.	Thos. Glenn	64
Capt.	J.P. Breedlove - <i>La Brycs</i>	74
Capt.	Tobin	61
Capt.	L.B. Chase	82
Capt.	Soniat - <i>Orleans Guards</i>	64
Capt.	J.M. Vandergriff	65
Capt.	White	67
Col. and Staff		8
		675

COLONEL DAKIN'S REGIMENT

Capt.	Rudler	65 MEN
Capt.	Freeland	64
Capt.	<del>MacMamar</del> <i>McCannara</i>	65
Capt.	Price	62
Capt.	Rousseau	112
Capt.	Crevon - <i>Elawarens</i>	61
Capt.	Blanchard	69
Capt.	Sewall	65
Capt.	Woodland	60
Capt.	Grice	90
Col. and Staff		12
		725

COLONEL MARKS' REGIMENT

Capt.	Head	66 Men
Capt.	Hunt	75
Capt.	Comstock	98
Capt.	Fountain	75
Capt.	Beal	100
Capt.	Willard	104
Capt.	Graham	96
Capt.	Keene	68
Capt.	Stewart	98
Capt.	Ricardo	71
Col. and Staff		12
		863

GENERAL DAVIS' REGIMENT

Captain Depacher <i>La Fouchard</i>	64 men
Captain Worth	82
Captain Buhler	62
Captain Johnson	64
Captain Doane v	77
Captain Girault	63
Captain Galbraith	62
Captain Ogier	61
Captain Staples	93
Captain Smith	<u>71</u>
	699

Brigadier General Smith and Staff: 4

Total: 2974

There are from 2 to 300 men ready to be enrolled:

Captain Galbraith's company of Sparrow Guards join Colonel Davis' Regiment, which will make 9 companies in that Regiment.

General Smith, commanding the brigade, and his staff, Colonel Marks and other officers with five companies sailed Thursday on the Alabama.

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New Orleans, May 17th., 1846.

MONTEZUMA REGIMENT.

Colonel Horatio Davis and Staff; Captains Depacher,  
O. Worth, C. K. Johnson, George Doane, J. F. Girault, G.  
Price, Buhler, Galbraith, Staples and Ogier.

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lishers. Vol. 10. No. 97. From  
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## MEXICAN WAR.

The four regiments called for by General Taylor were fully organized enrolled into the service of the United States, armed, clothed and completely equipped, in the short space of ten days—a remarkably short period when every circumstance is considered.

At the time of the Governor's Proclamation not a soldier existed as such, nor a corporal, nor a sergeant, nor a lieutenant nor captain. Men had to be recruited in squads, squads had to assemble to the number of 60 or 70 to form a company; the company had to organize, and choose its officers; the officers of ten companies had to be chosen and commissioned prior to the organization of a regiment. Clothing had to be found for the men, already rendered scarce by the great demand; if not ready made, workmen had to be employed for that purpose.

Louisiana may well look with pride upon the promptitude and energy of her sons—upon their generous sacrifice of home and the pursuits of peace—their disinterested and spontaneous response to the call of the gallant Taylor. Some of her first citizens are to be found in the ranks, doing the labor and ready for the fighting of a common soldier, and her volunteers throughout may be proudly designated and cherished as the flower of the State. Each of the forty companies called for much exceeds in numbers the abstract furnished by General Taylor, and the four regiments are fuller by 500 or 600 than his abstract. Besides these four regiments, there have been organized in this city and arrived from the interior of the State, at least the additional companies, sufficient for another regiment; and the question to-day is with the Legislature; if every consideration of duty and pride, not merely Louisians, but as Americans, does not authorize them to anticipate for a moment the action of the Federal Government, and afford these brave and generous spirits the means of going on to the field of battle. Shall these true and devoted patriots who in obedience to the Governor's Proclamation suspended and closed their business, parted from their families, and made their arrangements for a campaign be now informed that they are too late, and be required to return home in disgust and mortification, merely for want of the formality of another requisition from the commanding General—when it is notorious that the war exists, and requires the services of a numerous force to be prosecuted with the vigor which becomes a great nation, and which will be the pride and glory of our Republic.

The following is the official report of the volunteers so far furnished by our State:

Washington Regiment commanded by <u>J.B. Walton</u>	total strength	
	675.	
Jackson Regiment commanded by S.F. Marks	—	866.
Montezuma Regiment commanded by J.H. Dakin		733.
Louisiana Volunteers commanded by <u>Horatio Davis</u>		734.

Brigadier general Fersifor F. Smith and Staff	3,003.
Louisiana Legion, 10 companies of Infantry and a Battalion of Artillery, (to be enrolled to-day) commanded by Brigadier <u>General D. Augustin</u> , about	1,000.
Fifth Regiment, composed of companies and squads, who were too late, say-	750.
Total number of volunteers, so far organized	4,753.

The three first regiments, with the exception of one company have embarked.

#### VOLUNTEERS.

The following companies have arrived since our last publication: From the parish of Iberville, 64 volunteers; Captain George K. Shiel, First Lieutenant F. Gayne, From Natchitoches, 80 volunteers, Captain John Waddell, First Lieutenant, J. Dorlan, From West Baton Rouge, 75; Captain Robertson. From Madison Parish, 82; Captain Mc Kiernan. From Alabama, 100; Captain Prate.

The Steamer Florida, and the brig Orleans, sailed last night with the remainder of the companies, under the command of Colonel Dakin.

We have heard that Major General Gaines has appointed Major Beard as Quartermaster General of volunteer and militia divisions of the arms against Mexico.

Major B. has already seen hard service in the campaigns against the Seminole and Creek Indians, in 1835 and 1836, while on the staff of Generals Scott and Clinch, and no doubt prove a valuable and efficient officer in the Department; and from his well known business tact and energetic character, will materially add to the comfort of the troops under his charge, and render valuable service to our country.

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Headquarters,  
Louisiana Militia,  
New Orleans, May 13, 1846.

Sir:- The Governor and Commander-in-Chief has instructed me to present in the name of the State of Louisiana, to the Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers under your command, the Stand of Colors which accompanies this letter; and he has also requested me to assure you that he is confident that the honor of the State and the protection of its colors cannot be entrusted to a more gallant corps.

To Col. Dakin,  
Commanding Regiment  
Louisiana Volunteers.

By his Excellency's Command,  
H. W. Palmy, Aid-de-Camp.

Headquarters,  
Louisiana Volunteers,  
New Orleans, May 14, 1846.

Sirs:- It is with feelings of the greatest pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 13th inst., accompanied by a Stand of Colors presented to the Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers under my command, by his Excellency the Governor of our State.

Its glorious motto, "Union and Confidence", finds an echo in the heart of every soldier in my Regiment, and in pledging ourselves that it shall be protected through every emergency, we beg leave to offer through you to his Excellency our warmest thanks for such marked esteem.

With high respect, your obedient servant,

Jos. H. Dakin,

Colonel Regiment Louisiana Volunteers.

Colonel Palfrey, Present.

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## HEADQUARTERS - FIRST BRIGADE, L. M.

May 18, 1846.

Colonel Cahey, of the 42nd regiment, this day takes command of the First Brigade, Louisiana Militia. The Brigadier, H. Davis, has volunteered as Colonel of one of the four regiments destined to the battle field in defense of our soil, for which a requisition was made on the Executive of Louisiana by General Taylor, commanding the United States Forces in the field, and to which requisition Louisiana nobly and promptly responded; and besides the four regiments of three thousand rank and file, Louisiana has opened its treasury and supplied the money for the welfare of the men.

The sons of Louisiana have every reason to be proud of their state government; and the state at large has cause of exultation at the exalted character of its sons who have so readily obeyed the call and gone forward to the seat of war with determined minds for death or victory; and in either case, glory to their country. Louisiana is now compelled to stay further volunteering for defensive war, and await the action of the United States Congress and Executive, in whose hands abide the declaration for offensive war, but in which event double the number already gone, are panting for the occasion to follow the three thousand brave hearts for an excursion into the territory and vengeance on the perfidious foe who has invaded American soil and crimsoned it with the blood of its citizens.

The First Brigade must be organized and ready for any emergency. A large number of its officers and men have already gone to the seat of war, and many others have formed themselves into corps to follow. Vacancies consequently exist in several of the regiments, which it is the duty of the Colonels or those in command to have filled with the utmost promptitude; besides on the present occasion, especially for the two-fold reason: preparation for drafting or detailing companies for duty; and for the defense of the city and state in case of the necessity, created by the absence to the Mexican Borders of so many of the citizen and uniform corps. F. Perin, office # 6, Exchange Place, will be the acting Inspector and Brigade Major.

The commanding officers of the remaining companies of the Washington Regiment, as also of the regiment of the Louisiana Volunteers, will report themselves to the Brigade Inspector.

The Colonels of the 4th, 43rd, 44th, 46th and 47th Regiments in the Parish of Orleans; the 24th and 45th in the Parish of Jefferson; and the fifth Regiment in the Parishes of St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles, will also report their regimental enrollments to the Brigade Inspector.

The election for Major in the 42nd regiment will be held in the bar-room of Hewlett's Exchange, Common St., under the superintendence of Colonels Cole and Forgay, or either of them, on Thursday, May 19, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening. Those officers who have not yet taken their commissions can file their oath of office with the officer holding the election at the time of voting.

A meeting of the officers of the 42nd regiment will take place in room 89 immediately after the election.

S. W. Oakey,  
Col. comdg. 1st Brig., L.M.

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## ANOTHER REGIMENT

Colonel E.L. Tracy, an officer well known to most of our citizens has received an authorization from Maj. General Gaines to raise an additional regiment of volunteers to be composed of Infantry and Riflemen, and has commenced recruiting and established his head quarters at the Commercial Exchange, St. Charles street.

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## ITEM.

A detachment of Col. Davis' regiment will leave the barracks this morning, under the command of Lieut. Colonel C.K. Johnson. The remainder will follow to-morrow.

The different corps composing Col. Peyton's regiment having been mustered and accepted, will be ready to leave as soon as transports can be provided.

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## Item:

The ship Ondiaka and steamer Mary Kingsland, having been delayed took their departure last evening. Col. Dakins field and staff with two companies of his regiment and four of Col. Davis left on the Ondiaka. Lieutenant Col. Johnson with five companies of Col. Davis regiment left on the Mary Kingsland. Col. Davis with his staff and one company left in the Col. Harney. This completes the embarkation of the four regiments required of our State by General Taylor. Though the last were not early in starting it was not for the want of alacrity on their part, but from unavoidable circumstances; and we feel assured no part of the country could fit out and send forward and so great and large a number of troops in so short a time. They have gone forth a gallant band well appointed and ready for any service; and we are sure that our country will not be disappointed in their deeds:

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- ITEM -

An officer of the Barracks writes us:

"The Colonel Harney, with Colonel Davis' staff and one company of volunteers, was compelled to turn back on account of injuring her rudder against a floating log. They are now in Barracks and will start again as soon as the injury can be remedied.

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## POSTSCRIPT

FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

BY THE STEAMSHIP ALABAMA - 2 o'clock a.m.

(EXTRACTED)

Colonel Marks and Walton's Regiment were complete. The Sea having arrived the morning previous to our departure. Officers and men are all well and in fine spirits.

List of passengers on board the steamship Alabama, Captain Windle, which left New Orleans at 2 a. m. of the 15th and arrived at Brazos, St. Iago at \_\_\_ a. m. of the 18th of May, 1846.

Brigadier General Persifer F. Smith (Louisiana Volunteers) Major A. Lyons, Brigadier Major; Captain E. Musson, Aide-de-Camp; A. Trudeau, Brigade Quartermaster, staff of General Smith.

Captains Ogden and Flint of Rapides and Captain Foucher and Nichols of New Orleans Volunteer, Aides-de-Camp.

Colonel John Winthrop, L. S. Lyons and Charles A. Labazan, Aides-de-Camp of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Louisiana Volunteers.

Colonel Marks, commanding the Andrew Jackson Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore G. Hunt, do.; Captain Hunter, Adjutant, do.; Captain Thos. Stringer, Paymaster, do.; Surgeon, Dr. Axson, do.; 1st Assistant do.; Dr. Chas. Mc Manus, do.; Sergeant Major, Gwinn Harris do.; Chaplain, Rev. W. H. Crenshaw, do.; Captain O. Byrd, Paymaster, and 2nd Assistant Surgeon, J. B. Clements of the Washington Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers.

Companies attached to the Andrew Jackson Regiment, Captain R. A. Stewart from Baton Rouge, 1st Lieutenant Abel Wad<sup>Wad</sup>dell, 2nd Lieutenant John C. Matterson and 98 men, rank and file. Captain Willard (New Orleans Tigers), 1st Lieutenant C. Montreville, 2nd Lieutenant George Charles, and rank and file. Captain Graham (from Rapides), 1st Lieutenant S. A. Smith, 2nd Lieutenant John H. Holt, and 92 rank and file. Captain Keene (from Carroll), 1st Lieutenant Blackburn, 2nd Lieutenant Scally, and 66 rank and file.

Also Captain Ruddler, attached to the Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers; Colonel Dakin commanding, 1st Lieutenant Jourdan, 2nd Lieutenant R. F. Tupper, and 63 rank and file.

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THE ORLEANS REGIMENT

Colonel E. L. Tracy. This regiment is filling rapidly. Yesterday morning, a fine company of volunteers, from the parish of St. Martin, commanded by Captain V. A. Fournet, with Lieutenants A. Deblanc and T. C. Nicholls, arrived in this city and joined Colonel Tracey's regiment. A finer set of men, bound for the seat of war, has not reached town. From the Captain to the last private they are all men, "good men and true," and give promise that they will execute the holy work they are sent to do. We noticed, upon the uniforms of all these men, a badge presented by the ladies of St. Martin, with this inscription: "Jenne Garde de St. Martin; vous allez combattre, nous prierons" -(you go to fight; we will pray.)

Besides this company, a gallant set of officers are raising men in the city to be mustered into Colonel Tracey's regiment, and in the course of a day or two, they

will be prepared to embark to join the army under General Taylor. The qualifications of Colonel Tracey as an officer of infantry, are too well known in this community to require any praise at our hands.

Our friend Captain Lumsden, of the Picayune, we are happy to perceive, is busily engaged in organizing this regiment, and will go out with it. He is a soldier himself and the soldier's friend.

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-ITEM-

The James L. Day left the Barracks yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, taking General Worth, Colonel Davis and staff, and several companies of volunteers.

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New Orleans, La., May 23, 1846.

DEPARTURE OF MILITARY.

In consequence of the accident to the Colonel Harney, General Worth and Colonel Davis and Staff, Captain Jones' Company were transferred to the "James L. Day," which sailed yesterday for Point Isabel. The New York also sailed last evening with Colonel Bailie Peyton's regiment, making 623 men, rank and file, shipped yesterday, armed and equipped as the law directs. The rest will follow as soon as they can be got ready.

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New Orleans, May 23, 1846,  
Lumsden, Kendall & Co., Publishers,  
Vol.10. No.102. From The Times-Pica-  
yune Library.

- SHELBY RIFLES -

The undersigned proposed to form a volunteer corps of Riflemen to be called the "Shelby Rifles", and to be attached to Colonel E. L. Tracy's Regiment destined for service in Mexico.

The rendezvous will be open at the Commercial Exchange at 9 o'clock this morning.

W. H. Mc Cardle.

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CASADCRES DE'ORLEANS.

We learn from the Patria of yesterday, that at a meeting held by the members of this excellent military Company, it was unanimously resolved that they resign their uniforms and arms within the space of three days.

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