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State of Virginia,  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,**

RICHMOND, January 5, 1865.

*To the Clerk of the County Court of*

SIR:

By representations from several County Courts, it appears that there is a great discrepancy between the statements of the Courts and the statement furnished the Governor by Captain Stanard of the Confederate States Engineer Department, relative to Slaves called for to work on the public defences. In consequence of this discrepancy, the Governor requests that the several County Courts will cause him to be furnished, as speedily as possible, with a full and correct statement of all such requisitions for Slaves made and complied with, and the authority upon which each requisition was based, and that a copy thereof may be transmitted to Captain Stanard.

The Governor desires the data asked for, to enable him to avoid errors and inequalities in future; but as the late call is urgent, it is not to be affected by the delay necessary to obtain the information now solicited.

Very respectfully,

**GEORGE W. MUNFORD,**

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



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