

BREVET PAY OF GENERAL GAINES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

INFORMING

The House whether the pay of Brevet Major General Gaines has been reduced to that of a brigadier general, &c.

FEBRUARY 25, 1843.

Read, and laid upon the table.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 24, 1843.*

SIR: I have this day received the resolution of the House of Representatives, directing me "to inform the House whether the pay of Brevet Major General Gaines has been reduced to that of a brigadier general, and, if so, at what period such reduction commenced, by whose order, and the reasons therefor."

No order for the reduction of the pay of General Gaines has been made, to my knowledge or belief; and, of course, there are no reasons to be assigned therefor.

The act of Congress, of March 2, 1821, provides that there shall be one major general and two brigadier generals in the army of the United States. Edmund P. Gaines is one of those brigadier generals, and is by law entitled only to the pay and emoluments of that office. He is also a major general by brevet, having received that appointment as some reward for his distinguished military services, and particularly for his gallantry on the 15th of August, 1814. By the act of April 16, 1818, it is provided "that officers of the army who have brevet commissions shall be entitled to, and receive, the pay and emoluments of their brevet rank when on duty, and having a command according to their brevet rank, and at no other time." A brevet major general, when commanding a division of four regiments, or at least forty companies, is, by the standing regulations of the army, entitled to his brevet pay and emoluments. While, therefore, the regular pay of General Gaines as a brigadier cannot be reduced by any order of this Department, he may receive the pay of a major general when in command, according to the regulations; and when he ceases to have such command, the brevet pay ceases also. Any reduction that has taken place in the amount of his pay has, therefore, been in consequence of the provisions of the law above quoted.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. SPENCER.

HON. JOHN WHITE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR 1912

THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

The Commission on the Land Office was organized on January 1, 1912, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the land problem in this State. It has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from the public. It has also conducted extensive research into the various aspects of the land problem, including the ownership of land, the use of land, and the methods of disposing of public lands. The results of this study are set forth in this report.

The land problem in this State is a complex one, involving many different interests and many different aspects. It is a problem that has long existed, and it is one that is becoming increasingly important as the State grows and develops. The Commission believes that it is its duty to bring this problem to the attention of the public and to offer its suggestions for its solution.

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