

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Richmond, April 7, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 38. }

I. The following provision of an act of the legislature of Virginia, passed March 26th, 1863, is, by direction of the President, published for the information and guidance of such officers and soldiers of the Confederate States army as it concerns :

"7. Be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the governor of the commonwealth to issue his proclamation giving notice to the qualified voters of the state in the military service of the state or of the Confederate States, or who may be absent from the county or corporation of their residence, because of the presence of the public enemy, of their right to vote for members of the general assembly, by virtue of the provisions of the first, second and fourth sections of the ordinance passed by the convention of Virginia (No. 99) on the sixth day of December 1861. And also to all whom it may concern, of the passage of this act, and of the rights and duties set forth in its provisions : and it shall further be his duty to request the President of the Confederate States to issue an order to all commandants of camps, posts and detachments in command of Virginia troops, requiring them to give their aid in the due execution of the ordinance aforesaid and of this act."

II. Cadets on attaining their majority will be examined, and if found competent will be promoted to the grade of second lieutenant in the arm of the service to which they are attached. Commanders of armies in the field are charged with the assembling of the requisite boards.

By order.

S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.