In his annual message to the legislature Jan. 20, Gov. Pettus assured lawmakers that they had accomplished all that "energy and industry and fidelity could offer." What- ever the merit of his achievement, Pettus was not anxious to dwell on the past. Instead, he turned his attention to the due start sightedness of human wisdom and the charac- ter of the times. The governor was especially concerned about the imminent an"niversary of the Civil War. Before ending the session, members approved the act to revise and combine the militia. The act divided into four military districts, each under a brigadier general. Pettus said he intended to "remove the idea and the false suspicion of keeping the entire system would be chosen in statewide election. The governor assured lawmakers he would not offer themselves in sufficient number to fill all calls for troops. Men subject to draft may have substitutes if they find it in- convenient to serve, he declared. Pettus also assured them that they were able bodied, free and not subject to draft throughout the state. The legislature also granted authority to the governor, other state and county officers, telegraph operators, railroad companies, and other persons to conscript those who were suitable for military service. A companion measure authorized Gov. Pettus to call for 10,000 volunteers. Pettus wrote Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston at Bowling Green to proclaim to the people of Kentucky that "all the states on basis of slavery would be divided into districts." The governor was given power to transfer volunteers to Confederate service for any part of the one-year enlistment. Men were to go to the military district where their home was located and be provided. Two days later, Jan. 21, Gov. Pettus wrote Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston at Bowling Green to proclaim to the people of Kentucky that "all the states on basis of slavery would be divided into districts." The governor was given power to transfer volunteers to Confederate service for any part of the one-year enlistment. Men were to go to the military district where their home was located and be provided.