

## WHAT THE CABLEGRAM MEANT.

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Governor Pinkham's cablegram to the war department yesterday expressed the willingness of the National Guard of Hawaii to perform such duty, if any, as the department sees fit to ask of it. The war department knows quite as well as anyone else what duty the militia is able to undertake.

In sending his cablegram, the governor merely voices the patriotic sentiment of Hawaii and the guard to the war department at a time when the militia of border states are called on for patrol work. There will be no such misinterpretation of his cablegram in Washington as is evident in this morning's paper.

When the first troops were ordered into Mexico, state after state came forward offering the service of its militia. Illinois, we believe, was the first and the entire state took pride in the fact that it was the first. The offers were not made in a vainglorious spirit, but merely to express the willingness of the state troops to do what they might be called upon to do; and at a time when peace-at-any-price advocates and hair-trigger critics of the national government are only too ready to preach seditious obstruction and dangerous division of sentiment, the prompt response of the state authorities carried with it the assurance of an united commonwealth in a time of national crisis.