

General orders no. 1. A proclamation.

GENERAL ORDBRSi) ^^^ DEPARTMENT, > Adjdtant Genekal's Office, ' ^ ' Washington, January 2, J863. _ The following Proclamation by the President is published for the lulormation and government of the Army and all concerned: BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OP AMERICA. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a Proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among otherthmgs, the following, to wit: S. " S "That ou the first day of Janu.ary, in the year of our Lord one thou- sand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be m rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward and forever, free; and the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and niamtam the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom. "That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the^ people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the Unfted States, by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such States shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evi- dence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States." Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-chief of

tlie Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual armed rebel- lion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a tit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebel- lion against the United States, the following, to wit: Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. Jamos, Ascension, Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Or- leans, including the oity of New Orleans,) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the coun- ties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Ports- mouth,) and

which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this Proclamation were not issued. And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons. And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages. And I further declare and make known that such persons, of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service. And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

-f' GIFT 1 ALFRED WniTAL STESIt Iij 'h-^d^'. JAN. 4. 1831 ' ^ ir-^^ f^ lu witness whereof, I liave hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh. ABRAHAM LINCOLN. By the President: William H. Sewakd, Secretary of State. BV ORDEK OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR: L, THOLI-IAS; Adjutant General. Official: