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Bros. in good standing are invited to attend. H. LINMAN, N. G

Army Orders.

[Extract.]
HEAD. QUAR'S, TRANS-MISS. DEPT. / SHREVEPORT, LA., May, 30, 1864.
Special Orders, No. 133.

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V. All negroes in the employment of the Shreveport and Marshall Railroad Co. through the military authorities, will be immediately discharged, excepting such as are held by special agreement of the Company with their owners.

By command of
General E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't Adj't Gen'l

Shreveport, Marshall and Jefferson papers copy two weeks.
May 31—2t.

Head Q'rs 2d Inf. Division,
ARMY WESTERN LOUISIANA.
In the field 21st May, 1864.

It is hereby enjoined upon all the citizens of Avoyelles, liable to conscription, to report themselves to the Enrolling Officer at Mansura, or at such other place as may be indicated by him within ten days of the publication of this order, in their respective neighborhoods. Failing to do so, they will be considered Jayhawkers and shot down without mercy.

By command of
Major General RICHARD TAYLOR.
C. S. POLIGNAC,
Maj. Gen. Comd'g 2d Inf. Division.
May 31st, '64—tf

Quartier Generale,
2ME DIVISION, D'INFANTERIE.
En Campagne, Mai 21, 1864.

Il est enjoint par ces presentes a tous les citoyens des Avoyelles, sujets a la conscription, de se présenter a l'Officier Enroleur a Mansura, ou a n'importe quel autre lieu indiqué par lui, sous dix jours apres la publication de cet ordre dans leur voisinage: a défaut de quoi ils seront considérés comme des refractaires et des maraudeurs et fusillés sans miséricorde.

Par ordre du
Major General R. TAYLOR.
C. S. POLIGNAC,
Major General Com't 2me Div. Inf.
Mai 31

HEAD QUARTERS CONSCRIPT DISTRICT, LA., Shreveport, La., May 27th, 1864.
GENERAL ORDERS, No. 12.

I. The following order is published for the information of all concerned:

HEAD QUARTERS BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT TRANS MISS., Marshall Texas May 23d, 1864.
GENERAL ORDERS, No. 10.

I. So much of clause 2, of Par. III. General Order No. 9. current series from this Bureau, as established places of rendezvous for the Reserve Corps is hereby revoked.

II. The enrollment of the Reserve Corps is placed in charge of the commandants of the several States, who will establish places of rendezvous for adjoining Counties or Parishes at such points as will not require of the members of the corps more than three days' travel. The commandants will have at each rendezvous a suitable officer to enroll and organize the men enrolled into companies: each company to consist of not less than sixty men, rank and file, for cavalry, and sixty-four, rank and file, for infantry. *Copies of the muster rolls of the* companies will be forwarded by the commandants to these Head-quarters, and through this office to Department Headquarters. In cases where there are not sufficient men enrolled for a company, they will be consolidated with men from adjacent rendezvous to form a company, and when there is an excess of a company or companies a like consolidation will be made. Upon the completion of the company organizations the officers and men will be permitted to return to their homes. The time for the enrollment and organization of the corps in the States of Louisiana and Arkansas is extended to the 10th proximo.

III. Enrolling Officers will keep accurate discriptive lists of all conscripts enrolled by them with full particulars of the disposition made of them; keeping those of the Reserve Corps on separate rolls and reports from those between the ages of 18 and 45. They will, without delay, make the designations required by clause 1, of Par. III, General Order, No 9, and report them to the commandants who will transmit copies of the reports to this office.

IV. All persons, whether soldiers or conscripts, who have been or may be detailed from Department Headquarters, as Managers or Overseers of plantations will comply immediately with the 4th clause of the 10th section of the Act of Congress of 17th of February last, by filing in this office the bond therein required, executed according to the directions of clause 4, of Par. IV, of General Order No. 9. Enrolling officers will promptly report to this office, the names of such persons as fail to observe this requirement, that their details may be revoked.

V. Persons who have been exempted or detailed as Overseers and *Managers* of plantations by Enrolling Officers or by orders from this Bureau, pursuant to the Act of May 1st, 1863, will also immediately file in this office the bond required by the Act of 17th February, in which case the exemption of those entitled to exemption under said Act of 17th Feb., will date from 9th April, 1864, and the details of such as are not entitled to exemption under said Act will be extended 12 months from said 9th April, and those who fail to comply at once with this requirement, will be reported to this office by the Enrolling Officers, that their exemptions or details may be revoked.

VI. The bond required by the IV Par. of this order, in addition to the other conditions prescribed by the Statute will be conditioned as follows, viz: that the person detailed will deliver the bacon or pork and beef required by the law, within twelve months from the date of the detail, and annually thereafter, during its continuance, from such times as the General commanding the department may designate, and those executed pursuant to the V Par., will be conditioned (in addition to the other conditions of the Statue,) that the exempted or detailed person will deliver the bacon or pork and beef within twelve months of 9th April, 1864, and annually thereafter, so long as the exemption or detail may continue, at such times as the commanding General may designate. Details and exemptions heretofore of persons as owners or overseers of less than 15 able bodied field hands between the ages of 16 and 50 years, will expire at the end of 12 months from 9th April last.

VII. The bond given pursuant to the two preceding paragraphs, must be accompanied with the affidavits of the exempted or detailed person, stating the number of slaves on the plantation or plantations they were exempted or detailed to oversee, between the ages of 16 and 50, whether they are in the field or not; and applications for exemption under the Act of 17th Feb, must also state distinctly the number of such slaves on the plantation.

VIII. All persons detailed as agriculturist on the ground of public necessity under the said Act of 17th February, are subjected to the same requirements and rules as those exempted by the Act as owners or overseers of slaves.

IX. All bonds given by owners, overseers, and agriculturists must be acknowledged by the obligors before the clerk of the county or parish, and the sureties must make affidavit before said clerk, that they jointly have property subject to forced sale to the value of the penalty of the bonds, and over and above their individual liabilities; which facts the clerk must certify under his hand and official seal.

X. General Order No. 11, last series from this Bureau, is hereby revoked.

By command of
Brig. Gen. GREER.
W. STEDMAN, A. A. Gen.

II. In pursuance of the above order, the provisions of Paragraph I. General Orders No 10, current series from these Headquarters, are so modified that those persons between the ages of 17 and 18 and 45 and 50, who form themselves into voluntary organizations of the Reserve Corps, and furnish to these Headquarters by the 1st day of July next, triplicate copies of their muster rolls, will be received as minute men during the war for service within the State. Those who fail to attach themselves to such voluntary organizations, but report themselves for enrollment to the Enrolling Officer previous to the 1st day of July next, will be enrolled and if not exempted under the law, ordered to report for organization on the 1st day of July next, as follows:

Those from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto, Claiborne and Bienville, at Shreveport, La.

Those from the parishes of Ouachita, Morehouse, Jackson, Union, Franklin, Caldwell, and such portion of the parishes of Carroll, Tensas, and Madison as are within our lines, at Monroe.

Those from the parishes of Rapides, Catahoula, Avoyelles, Natchitoches, Sabine, Winn, and Concordia at Alexandria.

Those from the parishes of Calcasieu and St. Landry, at Opelousas.

Those from the parishes of St. Mary, St. Martin, Vermillion and Lafayette, at New Iberia.

Those from that portion of the country within our lines east of the Atchafalaya, either at Opelousas or New Iberia.

An officer will be in attendance at each rendezvous on the day stated to organize the men enrolled.

All of such persons who fail to attach themselves to the voluntary organizations before mentioned, or to enroll themselves as above, previous to the 1st day of July, or who having enrolled themselves, fail to report at the rendezvous above appointed, will be sent by the Enrolling Officer to the camp of instruction for assignment to duty in the field during the war, as if they were between the ages of 18 and 45.

By order of
Col. E. G. RANDOLPH,
Commanding Conscript Dist, La.,
GOODWIN, 1st Lieut. and Adj't.

Newspapers in La. copy till 1st July.
May 31 6t

be added to the price of their labor per day.

V. Conscripts detailed as Physicians shall make an affidavit that during the continuance of their details, they will not charge the families of officers and soldiers absent in the army, more than the customary rates before the war in said locality, and if their charges to others are extortionate, their details will be revoked.

VI. Conscripts detailed as Stockraisers, or owners who may have a conscript detailed to look after their stock, shall make a similar affidavit during their detail they will sell, each year, their surplus stock, wool, &c., at prices fixed by the Commissioners of the several States of this Department.

VII. Conscripts detailed to make looms and spinning wheels shall make a similar affidavit, that during the continuance of their details they will not charge exceeding five dollars per day for their labor, where the material is furnished them, and where they furnish the material, the cost of the same shall be added to the price of their labor.

VIII. Any person evading, or attempting an evasion of the foregoing orders, his detail shall be promptly revoked, and he be placed in the army.

IX. All Conscript officers of this Department are charged with the rigid enforcement of these orders.

By command of
Brig. Gen. GREER.
A. POPE, Capt. & A. A. General.
June 6 2t

Louisiana papers copy 2 times.

HD. QR'S. BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION Trans Miss Department, *Marshall, Texas, June 1st, 1864.*
GENERAL ORDERS, No. 12.

I. Persons who hold the appointment of foreign nations as Consuls in this Department, and who under the late act of Congress are liable to conscription, will not be enrolled so long as they hold such appointments.

II. Persons seeking exemption on the ground that they are citizens of Maryland, are required to make their applications to this office, setting forth fully the facts of their cases, and submitting clear proof of their citizenship. Residence under the late law being the test of liability to military service, each case will be determined on its own merits and must be accompanied with facts other than mere citizenship entitling the applicant to exemption, otherwise exemption will be denied.

III. So much of Paragraph II. Special Order No. 76, current series, from this Bureau, as requires the Reserve Corps in Texas to form voluntary organizations or enroll themselves within thirty days from 16th ultimo, and so much of General Order No. 10, current series, from this Bureau, as requires such organization or enrollment in the States of Louisiana and Arkansas by the 10th instant, are hereby revoked, and the time for the said organization or enrollment in this Department is extended until the 1st of July next.

IV. So much of clause 3, Par. III. General Order No. 9, current series, from this Bureau, as requires certain officers to relieve all able bodied men in their employ within sixty days from 9th of April last, is hereby revoked, and such officers are allowed until the 15th of July to relieve from duty such employees.

V. Every person volunteering or reporting for enrollment, or who have volunteered or been enrolled, in the Reserve Corps, will be required to make affidavit that he was over 45 years old on the 16th of July last, and others applying for the details of members of that corps must [illegible] certify that they were over the said age on the 16th of July. Enrolling Officers are enjoined to exercise the utmost vigilance to prevent evasion of this order, and to report promptly all cases of its violation.

By command of
Brig. Gen. GREER.
W. STEDMAN, A. A. Gen. June6-2t

Louisiana papers copy 2 times.

Local Advertise's.

Wanted to Purchase—A house suitable for a small family. Inquire at this office.
April 19 tf

OFFICE CONTROLLING QUARTER MASTER, TRANS MISS. Shreveport, La., May 19, 1864.

In view of the interference with the cultivation of the present crop which would be occasioned by the ginning and baling of cotton during the season for cultivation, the time for the delivery of the tithe cotton is hereby extended until the 1st day of August next, at the option of the producer. Provided, that said extension shall not be so construed as to require additional notice of (30) thirty days to be given to producers to deliver.

S. D. OLIVER,
may24-tf Major & Controlling Q. M

Assigning Bonds.

Being unable to answer the question as to the assignability of the four per cent. Bonds and Certificates and the manner of assigning the same, I addressed Judge Gray, the Agent of the Treasury, T. M. D., for information and received a day or two since his reply, which is in words as follows:

"Certificates for the four per cent. Bonds are under 24 Art. of Regulations, assignable and transferrable, according to the certification established at the Treasury for Registered Bonds. This I understand to be by written assignment acknowledged and certified by an officer (Notary, Clerk or Judge) having a seal; or by Power of Attorney to some one acknowledged and certified, so that the agent can make the assignment before or in presence of the Depositary who is to issue the Bonds."

H. J. G. BATTLE,
Depositary.
Shreveport, May 30, 1864. may31-2t.

For Sale.

18 Hhd's choice Sugar. 23 hhd's choice Sugar, one half the amount of purchase will be received in $100 bills, the balance smaller denominations.

Apply soon—
HOWELL & BUCKNER.
Shreveport, May 31-3t

Succession of F. C. Talbert.

By virtue of a writ of sale to me directed from the honorable the District Court for the parish of Caddo, I will sell, to the last and highest bidder, on Saturday, the 4th day of June, 1864, three certain lots of ground in Mugginsville, near the corporation line, known on the map of said lots, filed December 31st, 1863, recorded in Book O, page 655, in the Recorder's Office, known as lots Nos. 12, 13 and 14, each measuring 330 feet by one hundred and eleven feet.

Terms: cash, subject to appraisement.
LELIA M. TALBERT,
may10-5t Administratrix.

Funding.

I hereby give notice that I am now receiving money on deposit for Confederate Bonds, bearing four per cent interest per annum, under the Act of Congress of February 17th, 1864.

I have appointed as Deputies to facilitate funding:

For Bienville parish, La., Capt. C. G. Thurmond; office at Mt. Lebanon.

For Claiborne, John Chaff; office at Minden.

For De Soto, J. D. Wemple; office at Mansfield.

For Natchitoches, A. M. Lisso; office at Natchitoches.

H. J. G. BATTLE,
Depositary.
Shreveport May 12th, 1864. m17-3t

HD. QRS. TRANS MISS. DEP'T., SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 17TH 1864.
SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 121.

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XV. All persons who have been or may be detailed as managers or overseers of plantations or farms, will comply immediately with the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved February 17th, 1864.

This order applies to all, whether detailed from the army or as conscripts.

The Conscript Bureau will take the necessary steps to carry this order into effect, and will report at once the names of all failing to comply, in order that the details may be revoked.

By command of
Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON,
may24-3t A's't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Strayed or Stolen.

From the residence of the undersigned, one mile from Shreveport, a bright bay HORSE, about 16 hands high; 7 or 8 years old; marked with a small star in his forehead, right hind foot white, large saddle marks, and mane worn by collar.

I will pay $100 for his delivery to me.
GEO. W. HELME.
may24-1m* Capt. and Off'r., Iron service.

HD. QR'S. 1st CAVALRY DIVISION, ARMY OF WEST LA., May 8th, 1864.
GENERAL ORDERS, No. ——

The Brig.-General commanding, takes occasion to call the attention of their comrades to the gallantry displayed by the officers and men of Terrell's and Likens' regiments in the engagement with the enemy on the 3d inst., at Chambers' Plantation, in charging his largely superior force of cavalry and infantry, strongly posted in the extensive negro quarters on the plantation, and behind a fence running East to the timber.

Against five fold odds, they charged with a yell, led on by Col. Terrell, driving the enemy in confusion, at sunset, from his position.

The example of these men, should excite the emulation of the army to renewed efforts to drive from the land the unscrupulous enemy who now attempts to waste by fire, a country he has been unable to conquer by the sword.

By command of
Brig. Gen. A. P. BAGBY,
Comd'g. Division.
J. P. SMITH, A. A. G. may24 tf

H'd Qr's Trans-Miss Dep't.,
SHREVEPORT, LA., May 29, 1864.
GENERAL ORDERS, No. 33.

I. The following Act of Congress is published for the information of the army in this Department:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RETIRING OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be and he is hereby authorized, upon the recommendation of any General commanding a Department or an army, to discharge from service any officer of the Confederate States Army or of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, who has no command and cannot be assigned to any appropriate duty, or who is incompetent or inefficient, or who may be absent from his command or duty without leave: *Provided*, That any officer who may be discharged for incompetency, inefficiency or absence from his command without leave, shall be entitled to a trial before an examining Board, under existing laws, if he demands it of the Commanding General within thirty days: *Provided further*, That it shall not extend to any officer who is absent on account of captivity." (Approved February 17th, 1864.)

II. In pursuance of the above Act of Congress, all officers, whether of the Regular or Provisional Army in this Department, who are absent from their commands without authority, will be dropped from the Rolls of the Army on the 30th day of June, 1864.

III. All officers in this Department who have been assigned to duty away from their commands, whether by order from the Secretary of War, Department or District Commanders, will report, by letter, to Department Head Quarters, their address and the duty upon which they are engaged.

IV. All returns required by the Army Regulations to be made to the Adjutant and Inspector General, Richmond, Va., will in future be forwarded to these Head Quarters.

V. Enrolling officers are authorized to call out the Reserve Corps of their respective counties or parishes, whenever their assistance is required in arresting deserters, or for arresting and quelling bands of Marauders.

VI. Officers engaged in the collection of the Tax in Kind, and officers drawing the same for troops, will conform strictly to the instructions of the War Department, the Quartermaster-General and of the Controlling Quartermaster.

By command of
Gen E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON, Ass't Adj't Gen.

Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas papers publish 4 weeks.

$100 Confederate Notes Wanted.

For Sale, for Confederate treasury notes of the denomination of one hundred dollars, confederate seven per cent registered bonds, and certificates for similar bonds, of various denominations, from five hundred to five thousand dollars, with interest from 1st July, 1863, the principal payable in five or thirty years at the option of the Confederate States. These bonds will not be subject in the hands of the purchaser to the Confederate tax for 1863 and 1864. The sale must be perfected before July 1st, 1864. A portion of those bonds to the amount of three thousand dollars, is deposited in Columbia, S.C. This presents a favorable opportunity for transmitting funds to the east of the Mississippi. Written proposals can be addressed to

THOMAS C. REYNOLDS,
June6 3t Marshall, Texas.

Notice to Confederate Tax Payers.

All such persons as have not yet been assessed for taxable Products, Naval Stores, Salt, Wines and Liquors, and for Moneys and Credits held on the 1st of July, 1863; Neat Cattle, Horses, Mules, &c., held on the 1st of November, 1863; their Salaries and Incomes for the year 1863; their profits on Flour, Corn, and other taxables, during 1862, and their Gross Sales or Receipts, from any branch of business, between the 24th of April, 1863, and the 1st of April, 1864, or any portion of said period; and all such Farmers and Planters as have not yet rendered, on oath, a full and complete estimate of the Crops raised and gathered by them since the 1st of July, 1863, and of the Tithe thereof due the Government; and *all such persons* as have not reported the Hogs slaughtered by or for them, between the 24th of April, 1863, and the 1st March, 1864, netting more than 250 pounds of Pork, and the Tithe thereof, deliverable to the Government, in cured Bacon, (at the rate of 60 pounds of Bacon for every 100 pounds of Pork,) are hereby *notified and required* to appear at the office of the undersigned District Collector for their proper Parish, *within twenty days from the date of this notice*, and there render, on oath, full and complete returns of their taxable property aforesaid, in such form as the said Collector or the Assessor shall prescribe.

Notice is also given that any Tax-payer who desires a revision of the Assessment, or correction of errors therein, must deliver his *written* application therefor, *within fifteen days*, to the District Collector; and that all such persons as are ready to pay their taxes, may do so, *without delay*, by calling on said officer.

N. B. Persons failing to make returns within the prescribed time, are subject to a penalty of twenty-five per cent.

Up to the 1st of July proximo, all genuine non-interest bearing Confederate notes will be received at their face value in payment of taxes. After that date, the Hundreds will not be received at all, and the Fifties, Twenties and Tens, will be taken only at two thirds of their face value.

ROB'T M. LUSHER,
State Collector.
Shreveport, La., *May 31*, 1864

LIST OF DISTRICT COLLECTORS.

Samuel Van Bibber, for Caddo, at Shreveport.
Thomas T. Williams, for De Soto, at Mansfield.
James M. Holt, for Sabine, at Many:
James S. Brown, for Bossier, at Bellevue:
Wiley P. Grayson, for Franklin, Caldwell and Winn, at Columbia:
W. W. Knox, for Union and Jackson, at Farmerville:
W. W. Peters, for Claiborne and Bienville, at Homer:
L. D. Shields, for Ouachita and Morehouse, at Monroe:
Thos P. Oliver, for Carroll, at Floyd:
Morris Lisso, for Natchitoches, at Natchitoches:
H. M. Labat, for Rapides, at Alexandria:
Theoph. C. Littell, for St. Landry, at Opelousas:
Berlin Childress, for Avoyelles, at Marksville:
Adolphe Coudroy, for St. Martin, at St. Martinsville:
Joseph W. Capron, for St. Mary, at Centreville:
W. E. Gill, for Calcasieu, at Lake Charles.

N.B. Persons residing within Parishes not named, or such as fail to find the proper Collector at his post, *in the above list*, may make their returns to any of the above named Collectors, or to Major Robt. V. Marye, Deputy State Collector, at Shreveport, or Mr. Lansdell, Dep. State Coll'r., at Cheneyville.

ROB'T M. LUSHER, State Coll'r.
May 31st 1864—3t

SHREVEPORT, LA., June 1st 1863.

To the Citizens of the Trans-Mississippi Department:

I have deemed it my duty to issue a General Order, directing the purchase, and if necessary, the impressment, of one half the cotton in this Department, to supply the pressing wants of our armies in the field.

Your soldiers are the sole reliance for the defence of the country from invasion and desolation. They have recently furnished you a signal instance of their willingness and ability to defend your homes.—Without munitions of war, clothing and medicines they cannot be kept in the field. These articles can be obtained only by importation. Cotton is the sole means of purchase. In the same lofty spirit which leads your sons and brothers to offer their lives for your protection, will you not sell to the Government the only product by which their valor can be made effective against the public enemy?

The impressment of cotton will be avoided, if possible. But supplies for the army *must be had*. It is left with you to determine, whether, for the preservation of your homes, you will force the Government to resort to impressment?

E. KIRBY SMITH,
General Commanding.

H'd. Qr's. Trans-Miss. Dep't.
SHREVEPORT, LA., June 1, 1864.
GENERAL ORDERS, No. 34.

The pressing necessity of the armies in the field make it absolutely necessary that the Government should use one-half of the Cotton in this Department, for the purchase of naval and military stores, required for the defence of the country.

Discreet and proper bonded and commissioned officers have been selected, who will purchase, if possible, the amount required.

If it cannot be obtained by purchase, they are authorized to impress it, in strict accordance with the terms of the Impressment act and the General Orders, issued on that subject.

District Commanders will furnish them such assistance as may be needed, in executing this order.

Any attempt at illegal impressment, will be promptly punished, on being reported, with satisfactory proof, to District or Department Head Quarters.

The following officer are charged with the execution of this order:

Major A. S. CABELL,
Major W. A. BAUGH,
Capt. F. J. LYNCH,
Capt. B. SHROPSHIRE,
Capt W. W. BARRETT,
Capt. N. A. BIRGE.

All Cotton procured by them in Texas, will be placed under the control of Lieut. Col. W. I. HUTCHINS, who will use it solely in procuring army supplies.

By command of
Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. General.
June 7

Wanted to Hire.

1000 NEGRO WOMEN, at the manufacturing Quartermaster's Department, Gilmer, Upshur county Texas

I want 1000 Negro Women to spin and weave cloth for the army. $20 per month and rations will be paid.

J. D. THOMAS.
june6 2m Maj. & Manuf'g Q. M. D. A.

Office Commissioner Claims,
SHREVEPORT, LA., April 13th, 1864.

Having been appointed by the Governor a Commissioner for the State of Louisiana, to collect all claims due the citizens of this State, from the Confederate States, for the hire and loss of negroes and for property of all kind whatsoever, impressed by the C. S. authority.

All persons having such claims, whether regular or irregular, will forward them immediately to this office for collection, and the same will receive prompt attention free of charge, and the money remitted to them or held subject to their order.

ANDREW R. HYNES,
Commissioner of Claims, State of La.
May 2-1m

Louisiana papers copy one month.

Estray Notice.

Estrayed, before me the undersigned, Justice of the Peace, one flea bitten gray PONEY, about 14 hands high, about 11 years old; branded with the number 51 on left shoulder by W. C. Beck. Appraised by Jas. M. Wilson and W. F. Marry, at two hundred and fifty dollars.

J. W. MAHLE,
June 6 3t Justice of the Peace.

Office of Chief of Ordnance,
TRANS. MISS. DEPARTMENT,
SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 3d, 1864.

WANTED—Two HUNDRED able-bodied NEGRO MEN to work in Ordnance Department.

I am instructed—by the General Commanding Department—to say that Planters who now hire me one-fifth (1-5) of their able bodied hands, will be free from any interference or impressment, so far as the balance of their force is concerned, so long as that portion hired to this Department remains therein.

THO'S. G. RHETT,
Major and Chief of Ordnance,
June 6 4t Trans. Miss. Department.

Gazette and South-Western copy 4 times.

WANTED—300 cords of wood cut: timber furnished. Apply to
may24-tf W. ROSE'S Mill.

LINCOLN'S PROCLAMATION!

What Old Abe thinks of the "Situation."

We publish below the proclamation of President Lincoln to the "faithfull"—acknowledging the campaign in Virginia closed—and making several other important confessions, which we hope our readers will ponder well. It is the first cry of distress the Old Rail Splitter has allowed to escape his lips—and may be safely taken as the fore-runner of something still better, before Lee and his braves get through with the *new so styled Ulysses.*

EXECUTIVE MANSION, May 17, 1864.

Fellow-Citizens of the United States:

In all seasons and exigencies, it becomes a nation carefully to scrutinize its line of conduct, and humbly to approach the throne of Grace and meekly implore forgiveness, wisdom and guidance.

For reasons only known to Him, it has been decided that this country should be the scene of unparalleled outrage, and this nation the monumental sufferer of the nineteenth century. With heavy heart but undiminished confidence in our cause, I approach the performance of a duty rendered imperative by my sense of weakness before the Almighty, and of justice to the people. It is not necessary that I should tell you that the first Virginia campaign under Lieut. Gen. Grant, in whom I have every confidence, and whose courage and fidelity the people do well to honor, is virtually closed.

He has conducted his enterprise with discreet ability; he has crippled their strength and defeated their plans.

In view of the situation in Virginia, and the disaster at Red River, the delay at Charleston and the sad state of the country, I, Abraham Lincoln, do hereby recommend that Thursday, the 26th day of May, 1864, be solemnly set apart, throughout the United States, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Deeming furthermore that the present condition of public affairs presents an extraordinary occasion, and in view of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, I have thought fit to call forth the citizens of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years, to the aggregate number of 400,000, in order to suppress existing rebellious combinations, and cause a due execution of the laws; and furthermore, in case any State or number of States shall fail to furnish by the 15th of June next, the assigned quota, its hereby ordered that the same be raised by immediate and peremptory draft.

The details of this object will be communicated to State authorities through the War Department. I appeal to all loyal citizens to form, facilitate and aid this effort to maintain the power, integrity and existence of our national Union and the perpetuity of a popular Government.

(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.