

By the President of the United States of 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 other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the
"year of our Lord one thousand 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 in 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 maintain
"the freedom of such persons, and will do no act
"or acts to oppress 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 United
"States by members chosen thereto at elections
"wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such
"State shall have participated, shall, in the absence
"of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed con-
"clusive evidence 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 the Army and Navy, of the United
States in time of actual armed rebellion against the
authority and government of the United States,
and as a fit and necessary war measure for sup-
pressing 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

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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. James Ascension, &
Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St.
Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New
Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida,
Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and
Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties desig-
nated as West Virginia, and also the counties
of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth
City, York, Prince's Ann, and Norfolk, including the
cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,
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 designa-
ted States, and parts of States, are, and hence-
forward 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.

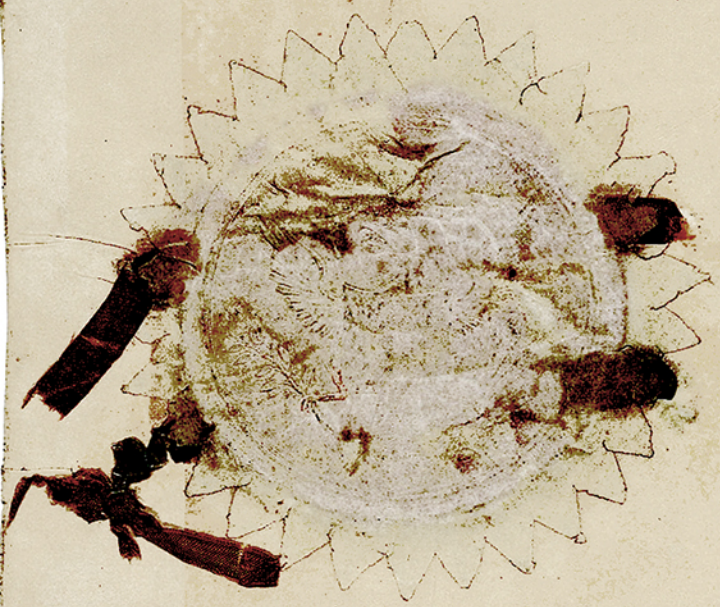
And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

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.

In witness whereof, I have 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. Seward
Secretary of State