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**Circulars from the Provost Marshal General.**

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH,  
OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL,  
HILTON HEAD, S. C., Nov. 10th, 1864.

**GENERAL CIRCULAR No. 1.—"REPORTS."**

District Provost Marshals will make the following reports to this office on the first and fifteenth of each month.

I. A report of all prisoners received and discharged since last report, and remaining on hand, giving names, regiment, sentence, date of confinement, by whose order, and if by order of a General Court Martial, the number, date, and Headquarters from which it was issued.

II. Reports of prisoners of war, deserters from the enemy, and refugees received since last report, with a descriptive list of the same with full remarks, a list of those discharged, or turned over, with the authority for so doing.

III. In all cases of importance, special reports will be at once made.

Extracts from General Orders No. 22, Headquarters Department of the South, dated Hilton Head, Feb. 13th, 1864:

I. "The Commander of each Division or Post, will appoint a local Provost Marshal, who will be under his orders, in all matters relating to interior police, but who will also be the local executive officer of the Provost Marshal General, and promptly carry out all instructions and orders received from him, reporting his action, except in cases of secret and confidential service to the local commander."

VI. "Deserters from the enemy, prisoners of war, and all persons coming from the enemy's lines, will be sent to the nearest Provost Marshal, and will be examined by him in the presence of the Post or Division Commander, and the information obtained sent at once to the Provost Marshal General."

"Prisoners of war, with descriptive lists, will, unless otherwise ordered, in special cases, be forwarded to the Provost Marshal at Hilton Head, with a written statement of the manner and place of capture."

"Persons coming from beyond the lines with important information will be sent to the Provost Marshal General."

IV. A prison record, taken from the morning reports of the jailors, and from other sources should be kept of each prisoner, giving a history of his conduct and acts during imprisonment; punishments for misprison, &c., &c., which should form part of the final report accompanying the prisoners discharge.

In turning over prisoners, invoices should be given, containing all particulars required for making reports.

**GENERAL CIRCULAR No. 2.—"PASSES."**

I. All persons not in the Military or Naval service of the United States, travelling between the different posts of this department, will require a pass from this office.

II. District Provost Marshals may give passes within the lines of their respective districts, or from their district to another, but not to return. Such passes will require the parties receiving them, to report immediately to the Provost Marshal, on their arrival at their destination.

III. District Provost Marshals will require all persons not in the Military or Naval service of the United States, to register their names immediately on their arrival in their district, and to show evidence that they have taken the oath of allegiance.

IV. All persons arriving in the department will report at once to the District or local Provost Marshal, and register their names. The Provost Marshal will then administer the oath of allegiance, and take a full descriptive list, and when he is satisfied that parties are here by competent authority, or on legitimate business, he will give them such proper passes as they may require.

All passes should be limited to a period not exceeding one month, and if not renewed will be taken up by the guard, and turned over to the Provost Marshal.

All passes not having an expressed limitation will be taken up by the guard in like manner.

The Provost Marshal will return all expired passes to the office from which they were issued.

**GENERAL CIRCULAR No. 3.—"CENSUS."**

The Census ordered by General Orders No. 154 will comprise all persons both white and black within the military lines of this Department, not in the military service of the United States.

A complete descriptive list will be taken of each person, where born, last residence, where registered for draft, business, and whether or not they have taken the oath of allegiance.

Persons who claim to have taken the oath of allegiance, will be required to show a certifi-

cate of the same, on which the Provost Marshal will note their register for this census.

In taking the census of contrabands, in the column "where born," the word "contraband" will be written, and in the column, where "registered for draft," the name of the former owner will be written.

Planters and all persons employing white or colored labor, including officers having servants, will be held responsible for a full and faithful report of persons so employed by them, or who live on or about their plantation or premises.

Wherever persons are drawing rations from the Government, the number of rations will be noted, the reasons for issuing, and the authority by which they are issued, placed in the column of remarks.

Reports will be ready on or before the 30th inst., and a complete list with a condensed record of the same will be forwarded to this office.

Printed blanks may be had at this office.

District Provost Marshals will be held responsible for the prompt and efficient carrying out of the provisions of this circular, and they will give personal attention to the details of the duties assigned by them to their several local Provost Marshals, and will approve each report before forwarding.

**GENERAL CIRCULAR, No. 4.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING THE CENSUS,**

A sufficient number of blanks will be given to each person, employing white or colored labor, to fill out the register according to Circular No. 3, issued from this office.

Persons not in the Military service of the United States, will be required to make oath before the Provost Marshal, that the statement is in accordance with the Circular, and that no deserters are employed or harbored on or about their plantations or premises.

This certificate will be on each sheet; (a knowledge of deserters lurking about without reporting the same to the Military Commander, or Provost Marshal, is considered harboring them.)

Copies of blanks should also be sent to Quartermasters, Commissaries, and Commanders of Regiments, or Detachments, to be filled out and certified to by the Commanding officer.

Each sheet will be numbered from 1 to 48, not more; the certificate will follow and will state the number certified to.

Provost Marshals will use the utmost diligence in ascertaining that every person, white or colored, adult or child is included in this census.

By order,  
JAMES F. HALL,  
Lieut. Col. 1st N. Y. Vol. Eng's,  
Provost Marshal General, D. S.  
Official: FRANK GRISK, 2d Lieut. 32d U. S. C. T. Ass't Provost Marshal General, D. S.

An officer down in Georgia tells the following story:

One night Gen --- was out on the line, and observed a light on the mountain opposite. Thinking it was a signal light of the enemy, he remarked to his artillery officer that a hole could easily be put through it. Whereupon the officer, turning to the corporal in charge of the gun, said:

"Corporal, do you see that light?"

"Yes sir."

"Put a hole through it," ordered the captain. The corporal sighted the gun, and when all was ready he looked up and said:

"Captain that's the moon."

"Don't care for that," was the captain's ready response, "put a hole through it any how."

**LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT BEAUFORT, S. C., Nov. 19th, 1864.**

Free delivery of Letters, by carriers, at the residences of owners, may be secured by observing the following rules:

1. Direct letters plainly to the street and number, as well as the Post Office and State.

2. Head letters with the writer's Post Office and State, street and number, sign them plainly with full name, and request that answers be directed accordingly.

3. Letters to strangers or transient visitors in a town or city, whose special address may be unknown, should be marked, in the lower left hand corner, with the word "Transient."

4. Place the postage stamp on the upper right-hand corner, and leave space between the stamp and direction, for post-marking without interfering with the writing.

5. A request for the return of a letter to the writer, if unclaimed within 30 days, or less, written or printed with the writer's name, Post Office and State, across the left-hand end of the envelope, on the face side, will be complied with, at the usual pre-paid postage, payable when the letter is delivered to the writer. Sec. 24, Law of 1863.

BROWN, Miss MARY  
Brown, Miss JANE  
Brown, Mrs. ALICE  
FENIX, Mrs. ELIZABETH  
Frost, Clayton W.  
Ferguson, Miss  
HADY, DAVID  
JONES, Mrs. JANE  
RIVERS, Mrs. ELLEN  
Reed, Alfred H.  
STEWART, Miss KATE  
WOODSON, —

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JNO. C. ALEXANDER, P. M.

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  - Cotton Stockings,
  - Wool Socks,
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  - Over Shirts,
  - Under Shirts,
  - White Shirts,
  - Linen Collars,
  - Paper Collars, &
  - Cravats,
  - Stocks,
  - Merino Drawers,
  - Canton Flannel Drawers,
  - Flannel Drawers,
  - Calf Boots,
  - Shoes,
  - Gaiters,
  - Ladies' Boots,
  - Balmoral Shoes,
  - Brown Muslin,
  - Canton Flannel,
  - White Shirting,
  - Sprague Prints,
  - White and Brown Sheetings,
  - Delaines,
  - Merinoes,
  - Plaids,
  - Dress Silks,
  - White Flannel,
  - Red Flannel,
  - Blue Flannel,
  - Denims,
  - Ticking,
  - Drilling,
  - Cloths,
  - Cassimeres,
  - Coatings,
  - Vestings,
  - Needles,
  - Thread,
  - Spool Cotton,
  - Buttons,
  - Hooks and Eyes,
  - Cups and Saucers,
  - Bowls,
  - Dishes,
  - Platters,
  - Lamps,
  - Candle Sticks,
  - Tin Cups,
  - Tin Fans,
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SIMMONS CANADA,  
Cooper in Post Commissary.

**SCHOOL FARM LEASES.**  
OFFICE OF U. S. DIRECT TAX COMMISSIONERS,  
BEAUFORT, S. C., Nov. 4, 1864.  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT under and by virtue of the instructions of the President of the United States, of the date of September 16, 1863, the undersigned, on the fourth day of December, 1864, at 11 o'clock A. M. of said day, at their office in the town of Beaufort, South Carolina, will proceed to lease at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, payable in advance in equal semi-annual instalments, for the term of four years from the 1st day of January next, School Farms No. One (1) to No. Thirty-three (33) inclusive, in the Parish of St. Helena, Beaufort District, South Carolina, including the improvements thereon, being the educational lands heretofore selected under the act of Congress, approved June 7, 1862, entitled, "An act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts within the United States, and for other purposes," as amended February 5, 1863. Reservations of buildings on parts of said farms, should there be any, will be stated at the time of said leasing. Plots of said farms may be seen at the office of said Commissioners in the said town of Beaufort.  
WM. HENRY BRISBANE,  
W. E. WORDING,  
D. N. COOLEY,  
U. S. Direct Tax Commissioners  
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