

CAMDEN, January 10, 1865.

I. IN OBEYANCE TO ORDERS FROM THE EX-CELLENCY the Governor, the Sheriff of the several Districts will proceed forthwith to impound the (1-10th) of the slaves liable to their respective Districts, according to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of this State, which is hereto appended. The Sheriff of each District, and the Authorities of each County, Town and Village, will, within ten days after the passage of the Above referred to, the Sheriff of their respective Districts, with a correct return of all slaves liable to Road duty between the ages of 18 and 50 years, within their respective jurisdictions. These returns will be "passed" by the Governor, and will be in writing.

II. The Enrolling Officers of the several Districts of the State are hereby appointed, and will please act in their respective Districts, as Sub-Agents, under the provisions of the 4th section of the act. They will give to the Sheriffs and those acting under them any assistance which may be required, in procuring returns of owners, in making assessments of labor, and in cases of default in arresting slaves. They will also forward the slaves when impressed to the places of labor, providing a discreet person to take charge of them, and will keep an accurate record of the names of owners, number of slaves furnished by each, and their terms of service. Transportation will be furnished from this office.

IV. The assessment of slaves will be made in the following manner, to wit:

The owner of 2 Road Hands will furnish 1 for 2 months.

The owner of 3 Road Hands will furnish 1 for two months.

The owner of 4 Road Hands will furnish 1 for 4 months.

The owner of 5 Road Hands will furnish 1 for four months.

The owner of 6 Road Hands will furnish 1 for six months.

The owner of 7 Road Hands will furnish 1 for six months.

The owner of 8 Road Hands will furnish 1 for eight months.

The owner of 9 Road Hands will furnish 1 for eight months.

The owner of 10 Road Hands will furnish 1 for 12 months.

And in like manner with fractions above Ten. If it is desired, several owners having fractions above or below Ten, may unite and furnish 1 slave for 12 months.

V. The attention of Sheriffs and others charged with receiving for and appraising slaves, is especially directed to the provisions of the Act in relation to this matter. Too much care cannot be taken, for upon the proper discharge of this duty depends the claim of the owner for indemnity if his slave is lost. The blanks furnished by this office will be used in all cases.

VI. The Act contemplates the impressment of slaves whose physical condition will enable them to perform labor on the fortifications. Where there is obviously unfitness for such labor, they will be returned to the owners, who will be required to furnish others in their place. Where no objection exists, such slaves will be received as are offered by owners.

VII. Owners will find it to their interest to provide their slaves, taken for this service, with a comfortable outfit of clothing, &c.; and at the time of delivery for transportation to places of labor, should furnish them with at least five days' rations of cooked food.

VIII. The time of delivery of slaves taken under this order for impressment, will be on Wednesday, the 8th of February next, at such points as will be designated in a future notice. As the demand for labor is most urgent, it is desirable that the impressment should proceed as rapidly as possible, and the slaves be turned over to the Sub-Agents to be forwarded to the places of labor before the date above mentioned.

XI. Under this Law all slaveholders owing two or more Road Hands are liable, and no exemptions or details will be regarded by officers charged with the impressment.

R. B. JOHNSON,

Agent of the State of S. C.

AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL ACTS AND PARTS OF ACTS HERETOFORE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS STATE, ON THE SUBJECT OF FURNISHING SLAVE LABOR ON THE COAST AND FORTIFICATIONS WITHIN THE STATE, AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE FOR FURNISHING SUCH LABOR.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That in order to furnish the necessary slave labor to work on the coast of this State and the fortifications within the limits of the same, there shall be organized a force, consisting of male slaves between the ages of (18) and fifty years, liable under existing laws to road duty, not exceeding in number at any one time, of one-tenth part of said slaves, to serve for the term of twelve months from the date of their impressment, subject however, to the right of their respective owners at the expiration of every three months of said term of service to substitute other slaves so liable to road duty in their place, and who by such substitution shall constitute a portion or the whole of said force as the case may be, from the respective dates of such substitution. This force shall be raised by a general impressment throughout the whole State, whenever his Excellency the Governor may order or direct such agent of the State as he may appoint to make such impressment, under the provisions of this act. But if the impressment of a less number than one-tenth would produce should be found to be sufficient, then the impressment shall be made on the State at large, according to one uniform rule of equality to be prescribed in the order of the Governor directing such impressment to be made by the State Agent, and no number greater than ten shall be so

the apportionment of said slaves, to be either below or above the number selected as a divisor shall be considered or taken into the apportionment, unless it is at least one-fifth or more of such divisor, and in such cases the fraction of one-fifth shall be taken by requiring the party owning it to furnish one hand for two months, with the same right of substitution as in case of whole numbers, and the same rule as to fractions shall be observed where the number ten is used as the divisor in making the apportionment.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of his Excellency the Governor to appoint a State Agent, such agent to be selected from the class of persons not liable to conscription in Confederate military service, if the services of a suitable agent can be secured from said class, who shall receive for his services the pay of a lieutenant colonel of infantry, as allowed by the Confederate government, during his employment, to be paid to him monthly by the State.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the State agent aforesaid, immediately on the reception of any order from his Excellency the Governor, to make impressments of slaves, under the provisions of this act, to extend such order to the Sheriffs of the several judicial districts of the State whose duty it shall be to execute the same in their respective districts; and it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Roads and the authorities of incorporated cities, towns and villages, and such other person or persons as the State agent may appoint, to furnish to the Sheriffs of their respective districts, within thirty days after the passage of this act, a full and correct return of all male slaves liable to road duty within their respective jurisdictions, which returns shall be based on statements furnished by the owners of such slaves, sworn to in writing, and such statements to be returned to the Secretary of the Boards of Commissioners of Roads, and by them kept on file. And it shall be the duty of the said Sheriffs, upon being duly notified by the said State agent of any order for the impressment of slaves as aforesaid, thirty days before, to summon all owners liable under said order to furnish slaves, to have the slaves so liable at the respective depots, and at the proper time, giving ten days' notice thereof to the owner, for transportation to the place of labor, as may be directed by said order. And the said Sheriffs shall, in their respective districts, with the assistance of a respectable loyal citizen, to be chosen by the owner of each slave, if he will, and if not, by the State agent, appraise said slaves on their delivery to the depots; and in case of their disagreement, they shall select a third citizen of like qualification, whose decision shall be final; and give receipts to the owners for them, specifying in said receipts the names of the slaves, the valuation put upon them, and the term of service for which they are impressed, a duplicate of which receipts shall also be furnished by the several Sheriffs to the State agent. And it, upon the day and at the place so notified, any owner of slaves so liable shall fail to have them in readiness, then the Sheriff of the district where such owner resides shall immediately arrest such slaves and send them forward to the place of labor; the cost of such arrest, subsistence of slaves, and transportation to be paid by the defaulting owner, and to be taxed and collected as other costs now are by law. And when there is such default, failure, or refusal to send slaves, after due summons to the owners by the Sheriff, and the said slaves are taken by the Sheriff, the slaves of such defaulters shall labor and serve on the military defenses for twice the period of time specified in the call made by the Governor: Provided That the slaves thus furnished shall not be detailed for any other service than such work as is intimately connected with the defence of this State.

SEC. 4. That the State Agent may, with the consent of the Governor, appoint such other sub-agents as may be found necessary and proper to the execution of the provisions of this act. But in no case shall he appoint any person as such agent who is liable to conscription in Confederate service and physically able for active service in the army; such agents shall be paid by the State eight dollars per day whilst actually engaged in the discharge of said duties, besides their costs for arrests and fees for detaining prisoners so arrested in pursuance thereof, which latter shall be paid by the owners of said prisoners.

SEC. 5. That the pay for such slaves shall be eleven dollars per month, and be furnished with sufficient rations and two suits of clothes during the term of one year, or one suit of clothes every six months, including two pair of shoes and one hat for the year, by the State, or a fair commutation in money for the clothing if furnished by the owner. And that it shall be the duty of the State Agent to certify the pay-bills for the pay of the said slaves for

their respective districts, to be delivered by them to said owners, and the names of the slaves so certified shall entitle the owners or their order indorsed on the same from the State to be forwarded to the Sheriff of the respective districts where the owners delivered by them to said owners.

SEC. 7. That the commission for the neglect of any of the duties required by this Act, shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction, in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. And that any Sheriff who shall neglect to discharge any of the duties required by this Act, shall be liable to be indicted and punished, upon conviction, as for a misdemeanor, in addition to liability on his official bond to any person who may have been aggrieved by such default.

SEC. 8. That it shall be the duty of the State Agent to visit the camps of the laborers, to examine the condition, to observe their treatment and discipline, to examine their food, both as to quality and quantity, and to see that it is sufficient for each, as is allowed by law, as well as their clothing, and especially to see that they are provided with medical and surgical attendance and care, and, whenever required, report the same to the Governor; and partially at the conclusion of the time of service, such levy, it shall be his duty to make such report to the Governor, in whose possession may be open for examination by the owner of the said slaves. And it shall also be his duty to prohibit the infliction of corporal punishment by one slave upon another, and shall require that if a slave is to be punished for a default of his duty, the punishment shall be administered by a white man in authority. And for the neglect or refusal of said Agent to discharge faithfully any of his duties as prescribed by this Act, he shall be subject to removal from office by the Governor, as well as liable to an action for damages by any individual who has been injured by his negligence or fault of duty.

SEC. 9. Transportation shall be furnished by the State for slaves impressed under this Act, for the State going to and from the place of labor home, and sufficient rations and transportation shall be furnished for the substitute in going to and from the place of labor. And the said Agent of the State shall be paid by the State for all expenses incurred by him in the execution, which shall be paid to him in the office of the State Agent, to be paid by the State Government for the payment of the funds necessary to all expenses incurred under the provisions of this Act, to be paid out of the funds of the public treasury, not otherwise appropriated, upon the presentation of the pay bills signed by the State Agent.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Governor or the State Agent to have all slaves returned to their owners upon the expiration of the term of service for which they were impressed, and the owners of such as may have been killed or died from disease during their term of service, shall not be liable to supply their places with other slaves for the unexpired portion of said term of service.

SEC. 11. If the Confederate Government should make any impressment of slave labor over and above what is to be furnished by the provisions of this Act, in view of greater emergencies than are contemplated in this Act, then and in that event the owners of such slaves shall have credit as for so much labor furnished for coast duty.

SEC. 12. That all Acts and parts of Acts heretofore passed by the Legislature of this State on the subject of furnishing labor on the coast or fortifications be and the same are hereby repealed.

In the Senate House, the twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, and the eighty-ninth year of the sovereignty and independence of the State of South Carolina.

W. D. PORTER,
President of the Senate.
R. B. BOYLESTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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W. L. DePass, Agent.

April 18

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W. L. DePass.

April 18

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STIRCES SALT;
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2 cases Smoking Tobacco;
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100 doz. Fine Tooth Combs;
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80 great gross Bone Buttons;
28 small boxes Tobacco;
60 doz. Colored Sewing Silk;
1 case of Boys Jackets; de. Sacks;
Four per cent. Tax Paying Bonds, for sale.
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Apply to
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BATES & MILLER.

May 1.

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FINE DRESSING COMBS, POCKET DO:
Pearl Agate Buttons, Shoe Knives;
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Knitting Needles, Steel Pens, Pen Holders;
20 boxes Tobacco, Fine Flour;
80 great gross Bone Buttons, Metal Buttons;
40 doz. Children's Stockings, Tacks;
40 " " Socks, Red Flannel;
Lady Pen Sweet Potatoes;
English Cotton Cade;
Bibbans, pegged and sewed;
20,000 Needles, Writing Ink; at
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December 12.

Headquarters,

22d REGIMENT S. C. A. MILITIA,

CAMDEN, January 12, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6.

I. IN PURSUANCE OF ORDERS FROM ADJUTANT General of S. C., this Regiment is hereby ordered to parade at their Court House in Camden, S. C., on Thursday the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Captains or officers commanding beat companies will have warned all white male persons in their respective beats between the ages of sixteen and sixty years of age. Except only persons who have certificates of exemption from the Surgeon General of the State, or the State Board of Surgeons at Columbia, S. C., on the ground of permanent physical disability. They will come with accurate and perfect rolls of all officers and privates; also the date of the election to officers.

III. Those who claim exemption on the ground of physical disability, but who have not certificates from the Surgeon General of the State, or the State Board of Surgeons, of recent date, will nevertheless be enrolled and be examined by the District Surgeon hereafter to be appointed.

III. Officers commanding beat companies will have all voting officers in their respective commands filed according to law.

V. So much of General order No. 5 as conflicts with this order is hereby countermanded.

VI. Lieut. Col. Wm. Dixon, Major A. M. Kennedy, and Capt. L. J. Patterson, L. R. Gay, J. Falkenberg, A. Team, S. D. Hough, Tobias Folsom, E. Parker and Lieut. J. L. McDowell are charged with the prompt extension of these orders.

By command of Col. B. JONES:

J. M. GAYLE,

Adjutant.

Jan. 13—3

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January 13

War Tax Office

CAMDEN, S. C., Jan. 6, 1865.

RETAIL DEALERS AND OTHER REGISTERED persons, including Millers, Tanners, &c., are hereby required to make their returns within the next twenty days, of sales for the quarter ending 31st ult. All persons who have not made their return of property for the ad valorem tax would do well to attend to it promptly, as we are about to close the books.

JOHN CANTEY,

R. M. KENNEDY, Assessors.

Jan. 9