

By the Provisional Government of the State of South Carolina.

A PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT Johnson has issued his proclamation appointing me (Benjamin T. Perry) Provisional Governor in and for the State of South Carolina, with power to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for convening a Convention of the State, composed of delegates to be chosen by that portion of the people of said State who are loyal to the United States; for the purpose of altering or amending the Constitution thereof; and with authority to exercise within the limits of the State all the powers necessary and proper to enable such loyal people to restore said State to its constitutional relations to the Federal Government, and to present such a Republican form of State Government as will entitle the State to the guarantee of the United States therefor, and its people to protection by the United States against invasion, insurrection and domestic violence:

Now, therefore, in obedience to the proclamation of his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, I, BENJAMIN T. PERRY, Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina, for the purpose of organizing a Provisional Government in South Carolina, reforming the State Constitution and restoring civil authority in said State, under the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that all civil officers in South Carolina, who were in office when the Civil Government of the State was suspended, in May last (except those arrested or under prosecution for treason,) shall, on taking the oath of allegiance prescribed in the President's Amnesty Proclamation of the 29th day of May, 1865, resume the duties of their offices and continue to discharge them under the Provisional Government till further appointments are made.

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that it is the duty of all loyal citizens of the State of South Carolina to promptly go forward and take the oath of allegiance to the United States, before some magistrate or military officer of the Federal Government, who may be qualified for administering oaths; and such are hereby authorized to give certified copies thereof to the persons respectively by whom they were made. And such Magistrates or officers are hereby required to transmit the originals of such oaths, at as early a day as may be convenient, to the Department of State, in the city of Washington, D. C.

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that the Managers of Elections throughout the State of South Carolina will hold an election for members of a State Convention, at their respective precincts, on the **FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER NEXT**, according to the laws of South Carolina in force before the secession of the State; and that each Election District in the State shall elect as many members of the Convention as the said District has members of the House of Representatives—the basis of the representation being population and taxation. This will give one hundred and twenty-four members to the Convention—a number sufficiently large to represent every portion of the State most fully.

Every loyal citizen who has taken the Amnesty oath and not within the excepted classes of the President's Proclamation, will be entitled to vote, provided he was a legal voter under the Constitution as it stood prior to the secession of South Carolina. And all who are within the excepted classes must take the oath and apply for a pardon, in order to entitle them to vote or become members of the Convention.

The members of the Convention thus elected on the first Monday in September next, are hereby required to convene in the city of Columbia, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 13th day of September, 1865, for the purpose of altering and amending the present Constitution of South Carolina, or remodelling and making a

new one, which will conform to the great changes which have taken place in the State, and be made in accordance with Republican principles of equality of representation.

And I do further proclaim and make known, that the Constitution and all laws of force in South Carolina prior to the secession of the State are hereby made of force under the Provisional Government, except wherein they may conflict with the provisions of this proclamation. And the Judges and Chancellors of the State are hereby required to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties which appertain to their respective offices, and especially in criminal cases. It will be expected of the Federal military authorities now in South Carolina, to lend their authority to the civil officers of the Provisional Government, for the purpose of enforcing the laws and preserving the peace and good order of the State.

And I do further command and enjoin all good and lawful citizens of the State to unite in enforcing the laws and bringing to justice all disorderly persons, all plunderers, robbers and marauders, all vagrants and idle persons who are wandering about without employment of any visible means of supporting themselves.

It is also expected that all former owners of freed persons will be kind to them, and not turn off the children or aged to perish; and the freed men and women are earnestly enjoined to make contracts, just and fair, for remaining with their former owners.

In order to facilitate as much as possible the application for pardons under the excepted sections of the President's Amnesty Proclamation, it is stated for information that all applications must be by petition, stating the exception, and accompanied with the oath prescribed. This petition must be first approved by the Provisional Governor, and then forwarded to the President. The headquarters of the Provisional Governor will be at Greenville, where all communications to him must be addressed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Done at Greenville, this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the independence of the United States the ninetieth.

B. F. PERRY.
By the Provisional Governor:
WILLIAM H. PERRY, Private Secretary.

The newspapers of this State will publish this proclamation till the election for members of the Convention.
August 4

The Great Literary Weekly Resumed.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THAT LONG ESTABLISHED and popular familiar journal, THE SOUTHERN FIELD AND FIRESIDE, take great pleasure in informing its numerous friends and patrons, that its publication will be resumed just as soon as the mail facilities of the country will enable them to circulate the same. This is an old paper published for many years at Augusta, Ga., and is devoted entirely to

POLITE LITERATURE. It is gem for the fireside, an ornament for the parlor, and an indispensable companion to the housewife and agriculturist.

It is a large, eight page, sheet, handsomely printed with new type.

Terms: Subscription one year, \$5.00. " six months, 3.00.

The Key Stone, OUR MONTHLY MASONIC MAGAZINE

Will also be resumed at the same time. This Magazine is endorsed, and recommended to the Fraternity at large, by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. As regards matter and typography, it will be equal to any similar publication in the United States.

Terms: Subscription for one year, \$3.00. Address, WM. B. SMITH & Co., Raleigh, N. C.

A limited number of advertisements admitted into each publication.

Hd'qs. 3d Sub. Dist. E. S. C. SUMTER S. C., July 19th 1865.

GENERAL ORDER.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR PARTIES shipping Cotton by rail, or otherwise, from this Sub. Dist., to procure a certificate from these Headquarters, showing that the Cotton so shipped is not the property of Government. Unless such certificate is procured, the cotton will be stopped at Florence, and may subject the shipper to a long delay.

Any parties discovered receiving or attempting to ship Cotton belonging to Government, or that formerly belonged to the U. S. Government, will be punished to the extent of Military law.

Storekeepers are directed to keep a record of the names of parties selling or trading cotton at their store; and said storekeeper, or any person, is forbidden to bring cotton or receive it, in small quantities, unless from responsible parties; and will satisfy themselves, and be able to satisfy the Provost Marshal, at all times, that the cotton has not been stolen.

By order of
Lieut. Col. F. H. WHITTIER,
Com'dg Sub-District.
GEO. G. SPEAR, 1st Lieut. & A. A. A. G.
July 28

Hd'qs. 3d Sub. Dist. E. S. C. SUMTER, S. C., July 13, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

I. THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS to any enlisted man is prohibited.

Any person disobeying this order, will be arrested by the Provost Marshal, and severely punished and their goods confiscated; and the parties making the sale, or parties interested in the sale, will not be allowed to open their store again, for the sale of any merchandise whatever.

II. Any parties having property in their possession of whatever nature, that has formerly belonged to the U. S. Government, or to the so-called Confederate Government, will immediately notify the Provost Marshal of the fact. Any parties holding property, either real or personal estate, belonging to parties engaged in the late rebellion, and who are now absent, or of parties whose property is subject to confiscation, will immediately notify the Provost Marshal. A careful search will be made for such property as named above, and parties endeavoring to secrete the same, or fail to give the proper notice of said property to the Provost Marshal, will be punished by the military law.

By command of
Lt. Col. F. H. WHITTIER,
Com'dg District.
GEO. G. SPEAR, 1st Lieut. & A. A. A. G.
July 28.

Plantation for Sale.

A PLANTATION AT GRANNIE'S QUARTER CREEK, about 11 miles from Kirkwood, containing 500 acres more or less, will be sold with the growing crop on it, or deliverable in October when the crop is taken off. There are 100 acres of prime bottom land, the balance in open and wood land. With the plantation may be had, if a sired, choice stock of Cattle and Hogs. Apply at office.
June 28

NOTICE.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING between J. W. McCURRY & S. HAMMERSLOUGH, under the Firm of McCURRY & HAMMERSLOUGH is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The Books, Notes and Accounts of the concern are in the hands of J. W. McCURRY, who will attend to the settlement of the concern.
J. W. McCURRY,
S. HAMMERSLOUGH.
July 7

Rail Road Mill.

A STEAM MILL FOR GRINDING MEAL AND grits, is now in successful operation at the old Depot. Grinding done at all hours of the day. A share of patronage is solicited.
J. JONES, Agent
May 5

Dray Notice.

PARTIES HAVING HAULING TO DO CAN BE accommodated by calling on the subscriber on DeKalb Street.
A. NILES.
July 7

Headq's Mil. Dist., E. S. C. THIRD SEPERATE BRIGADE, DARLINGTON, S. C., July 15, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8.

REPEATED COMPLAINTS HAVING been made to these Headquarters that the freedmen and women, are frequently driven from the plantations upon which they have been engaged in cultivating the crops during the present season, therefore it is ordered.

That the freedmen, women and children who have been engaged in cultivating the lands the present year will not be driven away. They will be allowed to remain until the growing crops are harvested, unless dismissed by military authority, or a Provost Court, and will be entitled to receive fair compensation for their labor.

It is therefore required that equitable contracts in writing, be made between the planters and the freedmen and women, for the cultivation of the lands the present year. Payment in kind will be made, and the allowance of one half the crop is recommended as fair compensation for the labor. The landlords furnishing subsistence until the crops are harvested.

Their contracts will be submitted to the nearest military commander for approval.

When the above requirements are complied with protection will be granted as far as military necessity will allow, but when no contract is made, the crop is liable to be considered forfeited for the use of the laborers. Should the owners refuse to cultivate the lands, or to comply with this order, they will be considered as endeavoring to embarrass the Government, and will be treated accordingly.

By command of
Brig. Gen. BEAL.
(Signed) C. B. FILLEBROWN,
Lieut. & A. A. A. G.
Official Copy: Geo. G. SPEAR, Lieut. & A. A. G.
July 28

Headq's Mil. Dist., E. S. C. THIRD SEPERATE BRIGADE, DARLINGTON, S. C., July 15, 1865.

CIRCULAR NO. 7.

SUB-DISTRICT COMMANDERS WILL at once proceed in their respective Sub Districts to obtain information upon the following subjects, viz:

1. The number of plantations upon which contracts have been made with the freedmen and women, the present year, and the name of each planter with whom the contracts was made.
2. The number of plantations and the names of the owners, where contracts have not been made.
3. The number of freedmen, women and children on each plantation on the 1st day of January, 1865, and the number now present.
4. Whether or not the usual rations and the customary medical attention are furnished the freedmen, women and children. This information will be forwarded to these Headquarters without delay.

By order of
(Signed) Brig. Gen. BEAL.
C. B. FILLEBROWN,
Lieut. & A. A. A. G.
Planters are requested to furnish the information to this office as soon as possible.
C. W. BURGESS,
Capt. & Provost Marshal.
July 28

Hd'qs. Detatch. 30th. Mass. Vet. Vol. Infantry. CAMDEN, S. C., July 27th, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER.

AS A SANITARY MEASURE, IT SHALL be deemed a nuisance for any Hogs to run at large within the limits of the Town of Camden, after the (1) first day of August. All Hogs found running at large, will be sold or otherwise disposed of, for the benefit of poor of said town.

By order of
S. D. SHIPLEY,
Major Com'dg. Detatch.
C. W. BURGESS, Capt. and Provost Marshal.
July 28.