



PROCLAMATION OF EMANCIPATION.

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Whereas, On the 22d 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 1st day of January, A. D. 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 **HENCEFORTH AND FOREVER FREE**; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the Freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any effort they may make for their **ACTUAL FREEDOM**; that the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, issue a **PROCLAMATION** designating the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people therein, 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 States shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed **CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE** that such State and the people thereof are not in **REBELLION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES**."

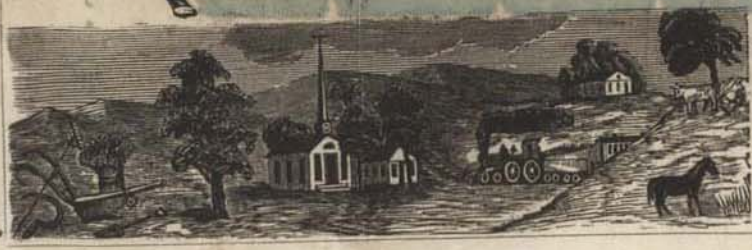
Now, Therefore, I, **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, in a time of **ACTUAL ARMED REBELLION** against the authority of the Government of the **UNITED STATES**, as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this **First day of January, A. D. 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 date of the first above mentioned order, designate as the States and parts of States therein, the people whereof respectively are **THIS DAY IN REBELLION 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, La Fourche, 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 designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth; 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 designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward **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 the 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 where 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, 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**.

[Signed,] **ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**

By the President,
WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.



REVUS BLANCHARD, Chicago, Ill.