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GENERAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS,  
 No. 3. } *Galveston, Tex., June 19, 1865.*

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.

By order of Major-General Granger:

F. W. EMERY,  
*Major and Assistant Adjutant-General.*

GENERAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS,  
 No. 4. } *Galveston, Tex., June 19, 1865.*

All acts of the governor and legislature of Texas since the ordinance of secession are hereby declared illegitimate. All civil and military officers and agents of the so-called Confederate States Government, or of the State of Texas, and all persons formerly connected with the C. S. Army in Texas, will at once report for parole at one of the following places, or such others as may be designated hereafter, to the proper U. S. officers to be appointed: Houston, Galveston, Bonham, San Antonio, Marshall, and Brownsville. Although their long absence from their homes and the peculiar circumstances of their State may palliate their desertion from their organizations, this order will be strictly and promptly complied with. The above-mentioned and all other persons having in their possession public property of any description whatever, as arms, horses, munitions, &c., formerly belonging to the so-called Confederate States or State of Texas, will immediately deliver it to the proper U. S. officer at the nearest of above-mentioned places. When they cannot carry it, and have not the means of transporting it, they will make to the same officer a full report of its character, quantity, location, security, &c. All persons not complying promptly with this order will be arrested as prisoners of war, sent North for imprisonment, and their property forfeited. All lawless persons committing acts of violence, such as banditti, guerrillas, jayhawkers, horse-thieves, &c., are hereby declared outlaws and enemies of the human race, and will be dealt with accordingly.

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GENERAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS,  
 No. 5. } *Galveston, Tex., June 19, 1865.*

Until the arrival of the proper Treasury agents in this district all cotton may be turned in to the quartermaster's department for shipment to New Orleans or New York, there to be sold to the U. S. purchasing agents. In case of such consignment bills of lading will be given and the owner will be permitted to accompany his property for