

By the President of the United States of America:

A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second 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 first day of January, in the year of our Lord 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 then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority 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 efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

“That the Executive will, on the first day

" of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate  
" the States and parts of States, if any, in which the  
" people thereof, 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  
" State shall have participated, shall, in the absence  
" of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed con-  
" clusive evidence that such State, and the people  
" thereof, are not then 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, of the United  
States in time of actual armed rebellion against the  
authority and government of the United States,  
and as a fit and necessary war measure for sup-  
pressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of  
January, in the year of our Lord 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

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day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof 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, Lafourche, 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 Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Prince Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and 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 said 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 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 when 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 act, 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.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:

William H. Seward  
Secretary of State.

