

EMANCIPATION

Proclamation

Whereas on the 22^d day of September in the year of our Lord 1862 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 1863 all persons held as slaves within any State insurrectionary part of us then the people thereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then themselves and their families 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 so not so long as such persons or any of them in any way support their rebel masters. That the Executive will on the first day of January if necessary suspend the Proclamation throughout the States and parts of States of any in which the people therein insurrectionary 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 in elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated shall in the absence of strong countervailing testimony be deemed 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

in times of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing and reducing it on this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and in accordance with my previous order to do partially proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the day of the first above mentioned order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively on this day in rebellion against the United States the following to wit: Arkansas, Louisiana except the parishes of St. Bernard, St. Jean, St. Martin, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. James, Terrebonne, Vermilion, West Feliciana, St. Landry, 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 Accomack Northampton Elizabeth City York Sussex Ann and Norfolk including the cities of Norfolk and Petersburg and which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as 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 such persons. And I hereby declare upon the people and declare to be free to obtain from all owners within said designated States and parts of States and in all cases when allowed the price 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 govern their masters, to do and other places and to man vessels of all sorts in and on the sea. And upon this security believed to be so act of justice warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity I invoke the consistent patronage of mankind and the generous favor of Almighty God. An answer whereof I have been anxious and ever heard and covered the soil of the United States to be offered.

I am 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. Lincoln the mighty sword.



SEE PEOPLE ALL THE PEOPLE, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

