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To: The Inhabitants of Jalapa

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The general in charge of the armies of the United States, well-satisfied that the simple exercise of the authority that the justices of the peace having asserted their jurisdiction along the national road and the remaining public lands, may not cease to discover and chastise in any case the murderers and thieves that frequent these roads, so that the next justice of the peace will be responsible for the locality nearest the point where the theft or assassination was committed, due to an inability to capture and punish the criminals.

In case the justices of the peace should neglect to hand-over the criminals who committed such atrocities upon soldiers and American citizens, they will receive a fine of at least 300 pesos, of the particular property of said justice of the peace, for each assassination or the value of the property stolen in each theft.

By order of the senior general in charge.

H.L. Scott, Assistant General