

General Orders

Dist. Texas, N. Mexico

Major Genl. Walker, comd.

From Jan - Sept 18th / 64 to Jan 18th 18th

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

Houston, Texas, Sept. 10th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1.

In accordance with instructions from Headquarters of the Department Trans-Miss., I hereby assume command of this Military District. In doing so, I hope to receive the same generous support from the soldiery and citizens of Texas, within her borders, that I have heretofore received from her gallant sons serving in other parts of the Confederacy.

In addition to the District Staff, now on duty, Captains A. H. May and S. D. Yancey are announced as Assistant Adjutant Generals.

Major Wm. M. Stone is announced as Chief Quartermaster of the District, to whom Major B. Bloomfield will turn over all property and funds pertaining to his department, and report without delay to the Commander of the Department at Shreveport.

J. G. WALKER,

Major General P. A. C. S.

(OFFICIAL:)

A. C. JONES,
Col. and Chief of Staff.

IN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, for the collection of Tax in Kind, did use the words, or words of the same or similar import, as those charged in the affidavit, upon which Inquiry is based; that their use occurred after the proposed relation of employer and Agent had been precluded by the declension of A. M. Poteet to accept agency offered by the accused, and only in a thoughtless and desultory man-

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

Houston, Texas, Sept. 11th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2.

In addition to the ration that officers by law are authorized to draw, the Post Commissary at Houston, and other permanent posts in this District, will sell to officers on duty at their respective posts, such rations as they may certify on honor are for their own use, and absolutely necessary for their subsistence; provided such sales do not interfere with the regular issues to the troops. The certificate to be given by the officer making the purchase will be as follows:

"I certify, on honor, that the above subsistence stores are for my own use, and that of my family, and that I am on duty at the post of —, and that the number of my family is —, during the time for which said subsistence is drawn.

(Signed.)

A. B."

These sales, in no case, will exceed a full ration for each member of the family.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

A. H. MAY,

A. A. Gen'l.

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HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

Houston, Texas, Sept. 13th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3.

Surgeon J. HUNTER BERRIEN is announced as Medical Director of this District,
and Surgeon J. J. GAENSLEN as Inspector of General Hospitals.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,
A. A. Gen'l.

After a careful examination of the testimony adduced in this case, the Court
I. That the accused, Capt. George C. Rives, Post Quartermaster, 2d Congress-
ional District of Texas, for the collection of Tax in Kind, did use the words, or
ords of the same or similar import, as those charged in the affidavit, upon which
Inquiry is based; that their use occurred after the proposed relation of em-
ployer and Agent had been precluded by the declension of A. M. Poteet to accept
agency offered by the accused, and only in a thoughtless and desultory man-
ner, and without any intention on the part of him, the accused, to offer a bribe or to

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

Houston, Texas, Sept. 17th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4.

II. Surgeon EDMUND L. MASSIE is assigned to duty as Medical Inspec-
tor of Camps, and of Field or Post Hospitals, in this District.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,
A. A. Gen'l.

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Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Houston, Sept. 21st, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

I. At a Court of Inquiry, convened at Austin, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 214, paragraph xvii, current series from these Head Quarters, "for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon certain charges preferred against Capt. George C. Rives, Post Quartermaster, 2d Congressional District," the following report of facts was made; and having been submitted by the Court, with their opinion thereon, the same are approved by the Major General Commanding, and are now published for the information of all concerned.

II. Finding and opinion of the Court:

After a careful examination of the testimony adduced in this case, the Court find. That the accused, Capt. George C. Rives, Post Quartermaster, 2d Congressional District of Texas, for the collection of Tax in Kind, did use the words, or words of the same or similar import, as those charged in the affidavit, upon which this Inquiry is based; that their use occurred after the proposed relation of employer and Agent had been precluded by the declension of A. M. Poteet to accept the agency offered by the accused, and only in a thoughtless and desultory manner, without any intention on the part of him, the accused, to offer a bribe, or to, in any manner, induce said Poteet to act dishonestly, or fraudulently to either the Government or the tax payers, or to secure to him, the accused, or to assist him, the said Poteet, in securing to himself any thing, money or property, in an illegal and dishonest manner. That the accused has refunded, in several instances, the excesses of taxes overpaid by producers. That no evidence has been adduced to cause the Court to believe that the accused has ever intended to defraud, or act unfairly or dishonestly towards either the Government or the producers.

OPINION:

And the Court are, therefore, of opinion that Capt. George C. Rives, Post Quartermaster, 2d Congressional District of Texas, is wholly and entirely innocent of any intention to defraud, either the Government or the Tythe Tax payers, as set forth in said affidavit.

And that no further proceedings are necessary in the case.

III. The Court of Inquiry, in the case of Capt. George C. Rives, is hereby dissolved.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,

A. A. Gen'l.

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HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

Houston, Texas, Sept. 24th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

I. The State of Texas is hereby divided as follows :

1st—*Defences of Galveston.*

2d—*The Eastern Sub-District*, commencing at the mouth of Sabine River on the east and extending up that stream to Watson's Ferry, thence west along the southern boundary of Panola, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson, Freestone and Limestone counties to Marlin, in Falls county, on the Brazos, thence descending that stream to the northern boundary of Brazoria county, thence east to the western boundary of Galveston county, thence south to Galveston Bay.

3d—*The Central Sub-District*, embracing the county of Brazoria, and following the Brazos River to Marlin, in Falls county, thence along the southern boundary of McLellan, Bell, Williamson and Travis counties, thence along the southern boundary of Travis county to the north-east corner of Caldwell, thence along the northern boundary of Caldwell to the San Marcos, thence down the San Marcos to the Guadalupe River, thence down the Guadalupe River to its mouth.

4th—*The Western Sub-District* will embrace all that country west of the line of the Central Sub-District, and east of the Rio Grande, with its northern boundary as follows: commencing at the eastern boundary of McLellan county, thence along the northern boundaries of Coryelle and Lampasas counties to the Colorado River, thence up that stream to the 32d parallel, thence west to the Rio Grande.

5th—*The Northern Sub-District* will embrace all that portion of Texas not embraced in the Eastern, Central and Western Sub-Districts.

II. BRIG. GEN. T. F. DRAYTON, upon being relieved of the command of the Western Sub-District by Brig. Gen. Slaughter, will assume command of the Central Sub-District, with his Head Quarters at Alleyton or Columbus.

III. BRIG. GEN. P. O. HEBERT is assigned to the command of the Eastern Sub-District, with his Head Quarters at Houston.

IV. BRIG. GEN. J. E. SLAUGHTER will assume command of the Western Sub-District, with his Head Quarters at Brownsville, and BRIG. GEN. H. E. McCULLOCH will retain command of the Northern Sub-District, with his Head Quarters at Bonham.

V. All workshops, arsenals, Commissary and Quartermasters' depots, for the use of the whole district, will be under the control of District Head Quarters, alone.

VI. Hereafter, no sick furloughs or leaves of absence will be granted, except upon the approval of the District Commander.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,

A. A. Gen'l.

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

Houston, Texas, Sept. 26th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7.

COL. A. C. JONES, P. A. C. S., is relieved from duty at these headquarters, as Chief of Staff, and will report to Brigadier General Slaughter, commanding Western Sub-District, for assignment to duty.

In relieving Col. Jones, at his own request, to assume an important command in the field, the Major General commanding takes this occasion to acknowledge the valuable services rendered him, since he assumed command of this District, by this efficient officer.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,

A. A. Gen'l.

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

ANDERSON, Sept. 30th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8.

Major A. J. LINDSAY, C. S. A., is announced as Chief of Ordnance, and Maj.

H. WILLEKE, P. A., C. S., as Chief of Artillery of this District.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

W. A. SMITH,

A. A. Gen.

the members commanding a company
tence the said John Wotisska, of Co. B, Timmons' Regt., to be publicly shot
death with musketry at such time and place as the Maj. General commanding
District may designate.

III. Private A. W. Robinson, of Co. G, Debray's Regt., before a General
Court Martial, of which Lieut. Col. J. H. Manly is President, by virtue of Special
Orders, 214, paragraph XVIII, current series, from these Head Quarters.

CHARGE—*Desertion in Presence of the Enemy.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private A. W. Robinson, of Co. G,
Debray's Regt., did desert the Confederate States service, at or near Pleasant
Lake, in the State of Louisiana, on the 9th day of April, 1864, being the day on
which the battle was fought at that place between the Confederate and U. States
armies, and proceeded to the county of Lavaca, in the State of Texas, where he was
detected on or about the 27th or 28th day of April, 1864, and sent to the office o

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HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

ANDERSON, October 3, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9.

Before a General Court Martial convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders No 153, paragraph XIII, current series, from these Head Quarters, of which Major E. Von Harten is President, were tried—

I. Private Charles Hodge, of Co. K, Timmons' Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that private Charles Hodge, of Co. K, Timmons' Regiment, did desert his command in the county of Austin, Texas, from the 1st of November, 1863, until he was arrested by Capt. P. Schwander, of Timmons' Regt., and sent under guard to Galveston, on or about the 11th of July, 1864.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of the Specification, GUILTY.

Of the Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) sentence the said Private Charles Hodge, of Co. K, Timmons' Regt., to be publicly shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as may be designated by the Commanding General of the District.

II. Private John Wotisska, of Co. B, Timmons' Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private John Wotisska, deserted during the night of the 7th or 8th of August, 1862, from his Company and Regiment then in camp at Lake Courtenay, in Burleson County, Texas; that said private John Wotisska has concealed himself and remained absent until recently arrested at or near his home, in Austin County, Texas, by Lieut. Hosmer, of Co. E, Timmons' Regt., and brought to Galveston under guard.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of the Specification, GUILTY.

Of the Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) sentence the said John Wotisska, of Co. B, Timmons' Regt., to be publicly shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the Maj. General commanding the District may designate.

III. Private A. W. Robinson, of Co. G, Debray's Regt., before a General Court Martial, of which Lieut. Col. J. H. Manly is President, by virtue of Special Orders, 214, paragraph XVIII, current series, from these Head Quarters.

CHARGE—*Desertion in Presence of the Enemy.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private A. W. Robinson, of Co. G, Debray's Regt., did desert the Confederate States service, at or near Pleasant Hill, in the State of Louisiana, on the 9th day of April, 1864, being the day on which the battle was fought at that place between the Confederate and U. States forces, and proceeded to the county of Lavaca, in the State of Texas, where he was arrested on or about the 27th or 28th day of April, 1864, and sent to the office o

the Provost Marshal General, at the city of Houston, on or about the 3rd day of May, A. D., 1864.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification,..... GUILTY,
except the words "at or near Pleasant Hill, on the 9th day of April, 1864, being the day on which the battle was fought at that place between the Confederate and United States forces."

Of the 1st Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) sentence the said A. W. Robinson, a private in Co. G, Debray's Regt., Texas Cavalry, to be publicly shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as the Commanding General of the District may designate.

IV. Before a General Court Martial convened at Bonham, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 139, paragraph IX, current series, from these Head Quarters, of which Lieut. Col. J. R. Sweet was President, was tried—

Private K. Lofton, of Co. B. Frontier Regiment.

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that the said private K. Lofton did, on or about the 17th day of April, 1864, desert while his company was stationed at Camp Brunson, Texas, and did not return until brought back by a scout from Col. Bouldland's Regiment, on or about the 4th day of June, 1864.

CHARGE 2d—*Violation of the 23d Article of War.*

Specification—In this, that the said private K. Lofton did persuade private A. F. Walker, Co. D, Frontier Regiment, to desert the service of the Confederate States. This at Camp Brunson, Texas, on or about the 16th of April, 1864.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification to the first charge..... GUILTY.

Of the charge..... GUILTY.

Of the specification to the second charge..... GUILTY.

Of the charge..... GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) sentence the said private K. Lofton, of Co. D, Frontier Regiment, to be shot to death.

V. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 201, Paragraph X, current series, from these Headquarters, of which Capt. James Hogan, of Waul's Legion, was President, was tried private Ransom Perry, of Co. I, Timmons' Regiment Infantry.

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said private R. Perry, of Co. I, Timmons' Regiment, left his company at Houston, Texas, or its vicinity, on the night of the 27th of April, 1864, without the knowledge or consent of his commanding officer.

Specification 2d—In this, that the said private R. Perry lurked about in the woods near his mother's house, avoiding observation as much as possible, by having his food brought to him, until he was arrested and brought to his command, at Houston, on the 26th day of May, 1864.

CHARGE 2d—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—In this, that the said R. Perry deserted once before from Sergt. L. P. Heard, of his company, who had been ordered to bring him and others to their commands. This about the last of December, 1863, at Navasota, Texas.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the first specification to first charge..... GUILTY.

Of the second specification to first charge..... GUILTY.

Of the first charge..... GUILTY.

Of the specification to second charge..... GUILTY.

Of the second charge..... GUILTY.

And the Court, by two-thirds of its members, do therefore sentence the said private Ransom Perry, of Co. I, Timmons' Reg't Inf'y, to be shot to death, at such place as the Commanding General may designate.

VI. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Sabine Pass, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 94, ¶ VI, current series, from these Head Quarters, of which Maj. F. C. McReynolds was President, was tried private S. M. Beadle, of Co. B, 21st Texas Infantry :

CHARGE.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private S. M. Beadle, of Co. B, 21st Texas Infantry, did receive from the General Hospital at Houston, Texas, on the 14th day of April, 1863, a sick furlough of thirty days to go to Parker County, Texas; that the said private S. M. Beadle, did not return at the expiration of said furlough, but deserted the service of the Confederate States, and remained absent until arrested in Denton County, Texas, and brought to his command on the 21st day of February, 1864.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of the Specification,..... GUILTY.

Of the Charge,..... GUILTY.

And the Court (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) do, therefore, sentence the said private S. M. Beadle, of Co. B, 12st T. I., to be shot to death with musketry in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

VII. Before the same General Court Martial, was tried private C. B. Caraway, of Co. D, Speight's Battalion, Infantry :

CHARGE 1st.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private C. B. Caraway, of Co. D, Speight's Battalion, being at that time detailed in the Quartermaster's Department, on a sloop-in Galveston Bay, did, on or about the 28th day of August, 1863, desert the service of the Confederate States, from the sloop or vessel on which he was then detailed, and did remain absent from his command until arrested and brought to the Guard House at Sabine Pass, on the 24th day of February, 1864.

CHARGE 2d.—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private C. B. Caraway, of Co. D, Speight's Battalion, on the night of the 12th day of January, 1864, was present at and did participate in an affair in which Lieut. James Jackson, 1st Reg't T. S. T., was killed, and did fire at the said Lieut. Jackson, and other members of the same party, which were then and there present for the purpose of arresting him, the said C. B. Caraway, and other soldiers, as deserters from the Confederate States service. All this in Jasper County, Texas.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of the Specification to 1st Charge,..... GUILTY.

Of the 1st Charge,..... GUILTY.

Of the Specification to 2d Charge,..... NOT GUILTY.

Of the 2d Charge,..... NOT GUILTY.

And the Court (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) do, therefore, sentence the said C. B. Caraway, Co. D, Speight's Battalion, to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison at Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

VIII. Before the same General Court Martial, was tried private G. W. Trull, Co. B, Speight's Battalion, Infantry.

CHARGE 1st.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that he, the said private G. W. Trull, of Co. B, Speight's Battalion, did, on or about the 2d day of October, 1863, desert the service of the Confederate States, from the steamer Uncle Ben, then lying at Beaumont, he, the said Trull, having been detailed, and at that time was doing duty on the steamer

Uncle Ben, and did remain absent from his command until arrested and brought to the Guard House, at Sabine Pass, on the 24th day of February, 1864.

CHARGE 2d.—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification.—Same as in the case of private C. B. Carraway.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification to 1st Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the 1st Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the Specification to 2d Charge,..... NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 2d Charge,..... NOT GUILTY.

And the Court (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) do, therefore, sentence the said private G. W. Trull, of Co. B, Speight's Battalion, to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

IX. Before the same General Court Martial, was tried private Andrew J. King, Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry.

CHARGE 1st.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private Andrew J. King, of Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry, did, with other soldiers of the same Battalion, desert the service of the Confederate States from his company at Sabine Pass, Texas, on the night of December 19th, 1863, and did remain absent from his command until arrested.

CHARGE 2d.—*Joining in a Mutiny.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private, Andrew J. King, of Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry, did join in a mutiny on the night of December 19th, 1863, in leaving his company and command at Sabine Pass, Texas, with an armed body of men, all soldiers of the same Battalion, armed with Enfield rifles and other guns, cartridge boxes and 40 rounds of ammunition, which soldiers did leave their command without the permission of their commanding officer, against his consent, and in defiance of his authority: and did continue with the said band of deserters and mutineers until the 25th day of December, 1863.

CHARGE 3d.—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private, Andrew J. King, of Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry, did, on the night of December 19th, 1863, steal a gun, cartridge box, waist belt and 40 rounds of ammunition, all the property of the Confederate States, and of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars, and did appropriate the same to his own use, to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of 1st Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the 1st Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the Specification of 2d Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the 2d Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the Specification of 3d Charge,..... GUILTY.
 Of the 3d Charge,..... GUILTY.

And the Court (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) do, therefore, sentence the said private Andrew S. King, to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison at Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

X. Also, Private William Kinsey, of Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry.

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification.—Same as in case of Private And. J. King.

CHARGE 2d.—*Joining in a Mutiny.*

Specification.—Same as in case of private Andrew J. King.

CHARGE, 3d.—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private A. J. King.

FINDINGS and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification of first charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the first charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the specification of second charge..... GUILTY.

Of the second charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the specification of third charge..... NOT GUILTY.
 Of the third charge..... NOT GUILTY.

And the Court (two thirds of the members concurring therein) do therefore sentence the said private William Kinsey, of Co. E, 21st Texas Inf'y, to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

XI. Also, private Epps Hasten, of Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry.

CHARGE 1ST—*Desertion.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private A. J. King.

CHARGE 2D—*Joining in a mutiny.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private A. J. King.

CHARGE 3D—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private A. J. King.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification of the first charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the first charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the specification of the second charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the second charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the specification of the third charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the third charge..... GUILTY.

And the Court (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) do therefore sentence the said private Epps Hasten, of Co. E, 21st Texas Inf'y, to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

XII. Also, private Carrol Taylor, of Co. E, 21st Texas Infantry.

CHARGE 1ST—*Desertion.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private And. J. King.

CHARGE 2D—*Joining in a mutiny.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private And. J. King.

CHARGE 3D—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

SPECIFICATION—Same as in case of private And. J. King.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification of the first charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the first charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the specification of second charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the second charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the specification of third charge..... GUILTY.
 Of the third charge..... GUILTY.

And the Court (two-thirds of the members concurring therein) do therefore sentence the said private Carrol Taylor, of Co. E, 21st Texas Inf'y, to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

XIII. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by Special Orders, No. 153, June 1st, 1864, from these Headquarters, was tried privates W. Baty and H. C. Wayland, of Co. F, Timmons' Regiment, upon the following

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

SPECIFICATION—In this, that the said privates W. Baty and H. C. Wayland, of Co. F, Timmons' Regiment, did desert their Company and command without intention of returning, from the 1st day of November, 1863, to the 21st of May, 1864, when they were brought in under guard and delivered to the Provost Marshal of Houston. All this at Camp Lubbock, Harris County, Texas, on the 22d day of May, 1864.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification..... GUILTY.
 Of the charge..... GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore (two thirds of the members of the Court concurring therein) sentence said W. Baty and the said H. C. Wayland, privates in Co. F, Timmons' Regiment, T. V. I., to be publicly shot to death with musketry.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of privates Charles

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

ANDERSON, October 13, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 10.

All Officers or Agents in this District, in charge of conscript or impressed negroes, will immediately forward to Capt. H. McKay, Commandant of Negro Labor, at District Headquarters, lists of the negroes in their employ, giving their names, the names of their owners, and the time the negroes have been in their employ.

No officer or agent will permit negroes in Government service to be employed otherwise than in said service.

Hereafter officers or agents will immediately report to the Commandant of Negro Labor, the receipt of any negro or negroes by them, whether by original assignment or transfer, and at the end of each month they are required to furnish to the Commandant of Negro Labor, correctly certified muster rolls of the negroes in their employ.

Upon the transfer of a negro or negroes from one officer or agent to another, the party making the transfer will make out duplicate descriptive rolls, stating correctly the account of the negro or negroes with the Government; one of which rolls will be furnished the party to whom the negro is or negroes are transferred, and the other will be furnished to the Commandant of Negro Labor.

On making up accounts, thirty dollars per month will be allowed for hire due previous to the 24th day of October, 1863; from October 24th, 1863, to Sept. 1st, 1864, twenty dollars per month will be allowed. Hire will be computed from the date a negro is taken from the service of his owner.

Upon the death or discharge of a negro, or negroes, the officer in whose charge he was, or they were, last employed, will make out a correct, certified account of all dues by the Government to the owner, and forward the account to the Commandant of Negro Labor, who will approve the same, if correct, and hold it subject to the order of the owner.

In case of the death or permanent disability of any negro in Government service, the Surgeon in charge will make duplicate certificates of said death or disability, stating fully the cause, and forward the same to the Commandant of Negro Labor. In case there be no Surgeon in charge, then the officer in charge will make said certificate, and if there be no officer in charge, then the non-commissioned officer, private or citizen agent, will make the said certificate, verified by affidavit. In case of desertion to, or death, disability or capture by the enemy, a certificate will be made and forwarded to the Commandant of Negro Labor.

Upon the desertion of any negro, the officer or agent in charge will immediately notify the Commandant of Negro Labor, and the Enrolling officer of the county from which said negro was conscripted, of the fact.

No negro or negroes will be transferred from one officer or agent to another, nor discharged without the approval of the Commandant of Negro Labor, and these Headquarters.

When practicable, the hire of negroes will be paid by the Disbursing officer of the Department in which they are employed.

The Commandant of Negro Labor will furnish the necessary blanks contemplated by this order, upon requisition.

BY COMMAND OF

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Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

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HEAD QUARTERS EASTERN SUB-DISTRICT OF TEXAS,

ANDERSON, Texas, Oct. 17th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11.

I. Capt. H. R. MARKS, A. C. S., is at his own request, relieved from duty as acting Chief Commissary of the District.

II. In addition to the duties devolving upon him as Purchasing Commissary of District No. 3, Capt. D. C. RICHARDSON, A. C. S., is announced as Acting Chief Commissary of this District, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

W. A. SMITH,
A. A. Gen.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

ANDERSON, Texas, Oct. 21, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12.

I. Lieut. Col. THOMAS M. JACK is hereby assigned to duty at these Head Quarters as Ass't Adj't and Inspector General.

II. Paragraph V, General Orders No. 139, dated Head Quarters, District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, Houston, July 27th, 1864, is hereby revoked, and returns will be made to these Head Quarters as follows:

1st. A Monthly Return to be made in accordance with the prescribed form and forwarded in time to reach these Head Quarters by the 10th of the month succeeding that for which the return is due.

2d. A Field Return to be made in conformity with the form furnished on the 15th of each month, and to be forwarded so as to reach these Head Quarters by the 25th of the same month.

Returns of all posts and camps, of all detached and unattached regiments and companies will be made directly to the Head Quarters of the Sub-District in which they are situated or stationed, where they will be consolidated and forwarded to these Head Quarters promptly by the 10th and 25th of the month, as above directed. It is required that the utmost accuracy and promptness be observed in making these returns, otherwise there necessarily results great delay in preparing the returns of the District.

III. Commanding Officers of posts and camps, of detached and unattached regiments and companies will forward all their communications directly to the Commanding Officer of the Sub-District in which they are situated or stationed; this being recognized as the proper channel of communication with these Head Quarters, unless observed, communications will not be considered.

IV. The practice of allowing officers and soldiers to present papers in person at these Head Quarters must be discontinued.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

W. A. SMITH,
A. A. Gen.

HEAD QRS. DISTRICT OF TEXAS, N. MEXICO AND ARIZONA,

ANDERSON, October 20, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 13.

I. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Sabine Pass, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 94, current series, from these Headquarters, was arraigned and tried 2d Lieut. J. M. Halldman, Co. D., Spaight's Battalion, on the following charges and specifications, viz:

CHARGE 1st—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline.

Specification—In this, that on or about the 15th day of April, 1864, 2d Lieut. J. M. Halldman, of Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, under orders from Lt. Col. A. H. Spaight, Comd'g Battalion, to pursue and capture four privates of his company who had deserted the previous night, left his company quarters at Beaumont, Texas, in command of a party of cavalry, and after having gone to the homes of only three of said deserters, at the end of four days abandoned the search for said deserters, dismissed his detachment of cavalry in Tyler county, sixty miles from Beaumont, leaving the men of said detachment to make their way to their company without an officer, went to his home in said Tyler county, and remained absent from his command until the 17th day of May, 1864.

CHARGE 2d—Disobedience of the lawful commands of his superior officer.

Specification—In this, that 2d Lt. J. M. Halldman, Spaight's Battalion, on or about the 15th day of April, 1864, at Beaumont, Texas, was ordered by Lt. Col. A. H. Spaight, Comd'g Battalion, to take command of a party of cavalry and pursue and capture four deserters from his company, who had left the night previous, which order said Lt. J. M. Halldman wilfully neglected and failed to obey; but instead thereof passed publicly through the neighborhood in which the deserters lived, communicated with their families, thus apprising them of his presence, and wilfully neglected to take any steps to surprise and capture said deserters upon their arrival at their homes, and at the end of four days abandoned all search, dismissed his detachment of cavalry, went to his home and remained absent from his command until the 17th day of May, 1864.

CHARGE 3d—Absence without leave of his superior officer.

Specification—In this, that on or about the 15th day of April, 1864, 2d Lt. J. M. Halldman, left his company quarters at Beaumont, Texas, under orders to pursue and capture a party of deserters from his company, and at the end of four days abandoned the pursuit, sent back the detachment under his command to camp, and knowing at the time that his command was under marching orders, remained absent from his company from the 19th day of April, 1864, until the 17th day of May, 1864, without leave from his superior officer.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, 2d Lt. J. M. Halldman, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st Charge	GUILTY.
Of the 1st Charge	GUILTY.
Of the Specification of 2d Charge	GUILTY, with the
exception of the words "wilfully neglected to take any steps to surprise and apprehend said deserters."	
Of the 2d Charge	GUILTY.
Of the Specification of 3d Charge	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 3d Charge	GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said 2d Lt. J. M. Hallman, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, to be cashiered.

II. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried private James G. L. Taylor, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, on the following charge and specification, viz:

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that private James G. L. Taylor, of Co. D. Spaight's Batt'n Texas Vol. Inf'y, did desert the service of the Confederate States of America, from Vermillionville, La., on or about the 1st day of August, A. D. 1863, and did remain absent until apprehended and delivered a prisoner at Beaumont, Texas, on or about June 3d, A. D. 1864.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private James G. L. Taylor, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, as follows:

Of the Specification of Charge..... NOT GUILTY.

Of the Charge..... GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private James G. L. Taylor, of Co. D, Spaight's Batt'n T. V. I., to six months hard labor with a 24 pound ball attached to his ankle, in charge of the Provost Marshal's Guard, at Galveston.

III. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried private Onezeam Young, Co. C, Daly's Batt'n Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 2d—*Holding correspondence with the enemy.*

Specification—Omitted.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Onezeam Young, Co. C, Daly's Batt'n of Cavalry, as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st Charge..... GUILTY of so much as "taking the oath of allegiance to the United States of America."

Of the 1st Charge..... NOT GUILTY.

Of the Specification to 2d Charge..... NOT GUILTY.

Of the 2d Charge..... NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Onezeam Young, Co. C, Daly's Batt'n Cavalry to be confined at hard labor on the public works during the present war.

IV. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried private William W. Porter, Co. A, 21st T. V. I., on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 2d—*Beginning a Mutiny.*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 3d—*Joining in a mutiny.*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 4th—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—Omitted.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private William W. Porter, Co. A, 21st Regt. T. V. I., as follows:

Of the specification of 1st Charge, - - - GUILTY.

Of the 1st Charge, - - - GUILTY.

Of the specification of 2d Charge, - - - GUILTY,

with the exception of the words "did begin a mutiny."

Of the 2d Charge, - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the specification of 3d Charge, - - - GUILTY.

Of 3d Charge, GUILTY.
 Of the specification of 4th Charge, GUILTY.
 Of the 4th Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private William W. Porter, of Co. A, 21st Reg't T. V. I., to hard labor during the war, with a twelve pound ball attached to his ankle, in charge of the Provost Guard at Galveston.

V. Before a General Court Martial convened at Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 151, current series, from these Headquarters, were arraigned and tried—1st, private W. Kenner, Co. B, Anderson's Reg't, Texas Cavalry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—*Desertion.* Specification—Omitted.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private W. Kenner, Co. B, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cav'y, as follows:

Of the Specification of the Charge. GUILTY.

Of the Charge. GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private W. Kenner, Co. B, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, to wear a barrel shirt, in front of his regiment on dress parade, marked in large letters, "Deserter and Shirker from duty," and to be branded in the forehead with the letter D; to wear a ball and chain (ball weighing 24 pounds) during the war; to perform hard labor during the time, on public works, and to be dishonorably discharged without pay.

VI. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried, private George Washington Gager, Co. E, 15th Reg't Texas Cav'y, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—*Desertion.* Specification—Omitted.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Geo. Washington Gager, Co. E, 15th Regiment Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge. GUILTY.

Of the Charge. GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the accused, George Washington Gager, Co. E, 15th Reg't Texas Cavalry, to wear a barrel shirt one time in front of his Regiment at dress parade, marked "Deserter," to wear a ball and chain (ball weighing 24 pounds) eighteen months, and to perform hard labor during that time on public works.

VII. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried, private J. Butler, Co. B, Anderson's Regiment Texas Cavalry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—*Desertion.* Specification—Omitted.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private J. Butler, of Co. B, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge. GUILTY.

Of the Charge GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said J. Butler, private Co. B, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, to wear a ball and chain (ball weighing 12 pounds) for six months, and to perform hard labor during the time.

VIII. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried, private Wm English, Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Desertion.

Specification—Omitt d.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Wm. English, Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge GUILTY.
Of the Charge GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Wm. English, private Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, to wear a ball and chain during the war, and then to be dishonorably discharged; to perform hard labor on fortifications during the war, and not to receive any pay.

IX. Before a General Court Martial convened at Bonham, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 139, current series, from these Headquarters, was arraigned and tried Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Reg't Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—Disobedience of the lawful commands of his superior.

Specification 1st—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did, when ordered by Col. James Bourland, his regimental commander, on or about the 24th of March, 1864, to send a scout of ten men on Lunoir's Creek, Indian Territory, refused to do so, stating as his reason for so refusing that it was no use to do so.

Specification 2d—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did, on or about the 20th day of February, 1864, receive from the Texas Militia three men as recruits, and swear them in his Company after having received positive orders from Col. James Bourland, his regimental commander, to receive no more recruits in his company, there being already in it as many men as allowed by law, and that Capt. White, Co. D, Border Reg't., Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., kept said men in his Company and issued rations to them until taken out and sent to Head Quarters of Brig. Gen. McCulloch by order of Col. James Bourland. All this in violation of orders of Colonel James Bourland, his regimental commander.

Specification 3d—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did permit at different times members of his company to leave their company and go to their homes, in disobedience of orders of Col. James Bourland, his regimental commander.

Specification 4th—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did on or about the 1st day of March, 1864, not only permit the members of his company to kill the hogs of citizens, but ordered them to do so. This in direct disobedience of General Orders No. 1, Head Quarters Department Trans-Mississippi, (series of 1864.)

CHARGE 2d—Violation of the 50th Article of War.

Specification.—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did, on or about the 20th of March, 1864, quit his company and camp, without leave of his regimental commander, Col. James Bourland, and go to Whitesboro, _____ county, a distance of thirty miles, and remain there three or four days, without any permission to do so by any of his superior officers.

CHARGE 3d—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Specification 1st—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did, on or about the 6th day of January, 1864, relieve from arrest private B. Cochran of his company, who had been sentenced to twenty days hard labor by Regimental Court Martial, and turned over to Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Reg't. Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., with orders to execute said sentence of said court.

Specification 2d—In this, that Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., did on or about the 5th day of January, 1864, while

encamped with his company near Gainsville, Cook county, Texas, permit members of his company to kill hogs of citizens in that vicinity, and did not report the same to his regimental commander or superior officers, nor did he punish or prefer charges against the offenders for so doing.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the court.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Regiment, Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the 1st specification to 1st charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 2d specification to 1st charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 3d specification to 1st charge, GUILTY.
 Of the 4th specification to 1st charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 1st charge, GUILTY.
 Of the specification to 2d charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 2d charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 1st specification to 3d charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 2d specification to 3d charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 3d charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the specification to 4th charge, NOT GUILTY.
 Of the 4th Charge NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence him (Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Border Reg't Texas Cavalry, P. A. C. S., to be suspended from pay and command, and be confined to the limits of his camp for two months, and then be publicly reprimanded in orders by the Col. of his Regiment.

X. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 151, current series, from these Headquarters, was arraigned and tried private J. D. Helton, Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that private J. D. Helton, Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, being a regularly enlisted soldier in the service of the Confederate States, did, on or about the 19th of April, 1864, desert and leave his company without leave of his officers, and remained absent until arrested near Jacksonville, Cherokee county, Texas, by Capt. Sutton's company of Cavalry, and brought back to his regiment, on or about the 3d day of June, 1864. All this, near Tyler, Smith county, Texas.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

The court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private J. D. Helton, of Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Tex. Cav'y, as follows:

Of the specification GUILTY.

Of the charge GUILTY.

And the court do therefore sentence the said private J. D. Helton, of Co. D, Anderson's Reg't Texas Cavalry, to be shot to death with musketry, two-thirds of the court concurring therein.

XI. Before a General Court Martial, convened at San Antonio, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 215, current series, from these Headquarters, was arraigned and tried, private L. L. Braunner, Co. D, 33d Reg't, Texas Cavalry, upon the following charges and specifications, viz:

CHARGE 1st.—*Desertion.*

The specifications under this charge (four in number) set forth that the accused did desert from his company, was arrested and confined in the Guard House at San Antonio, from which he made his escape, was again arrested on his way to Mexico, per steamer Leon.

CHARGE 2d—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
The specifications under this charge set forth that the accused did, at various times specified, steal a saddle and several horses from different parties.

Findings and Sentence of the Court.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused private L. L. Braunner, Co. D., 33d Regt., Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the 1st Specification, 1st Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 2d Specification, 1st Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 3rd Specification, 1st Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 4th Specification, 1st Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 1st Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 2d Charge and specifications,	NOT GUILTY.

The Court do therefore sentence said private L. L. Braunner, Co. D, 33d Regt. Texas Cavalry, to wear a (24) twenty-four pound ball and chain attached to his leg for the period of six months, and during that time to perform the duty of scavenger, under guard, at the Quartermaster's stables at the Alamo, at the expiration of which time he shall be sent back to his company.

XII. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 153, current series, from these Headquarters, were arraigned and tried, 1st, private James Long, Co. D, 17th consolidated Regt., Texas Infantry, upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Desertion.

The specification sets forth that the accused did desert from his Regiment on the 27th November, 1863, and remained absent until arrested.

Findings and sentence of the Court.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private James Long, Co. D, 17th consolidated Regiment, Texas Infantry, as follows:

Of the Specification	NOT GUILTY.
Of the Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
But Guilty of absence without leave.	

The Court do therefore sentence the said private James Long, Co. D, 17th consolidated Regt., Texas Infantry, to be confined in the Provost Marshal's Guard House until he can be furnished a safe conduct to his command.

2d—Private Charles Barnett, Co. H, Timmons' Regiment on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—Going from the place of rendezvous appointed by his commanding officer without leave.

The specification sets forth that the accused being detailed on guard for twenty-four hours, on the 11th July, 1864, left the Guard House without the consent of the Sergeant of the Guard, and remained absent until the 13th of July, when he was arrested.

CHARGE 2d—Being drunk on duty.

The specification sets forth that the accused being regularly detailed and mounted on guard, was drunk in the streets of the post of Galveston.

CHARGE 3d—Absence without leave.

The specification sets forth that the accused left his camp and command on the morning of the 11th July without the knowledge or consent of his commanding officers, and remained absent until 13th July, when he was arrested.

Findings and sentence of the Court.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Chas. Barnett, Co. H, Timmons' Regt., as follows:

Of the Specification, 1st Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 1st Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the Specification, 2d Charge,	GUILTY.

Of the 2d Charge,	- - - - -	GUILTY.
Of the Specification, 3d Charge,	- - - - -	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 3d Charge,	- - - - -	NOT GUILTY.

The Court do therefore sentence the said private Chas. Barnett, Co. H, Timmons' Regt., to five days solitary confinement on bread and water.

3d—Private W. R. Dry, Co. B., Elmore's Regt., on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Neglect of duty.

The specification sets forth that the accused being regularly posted and instructed as a sentinel, did, through his neglect of duty, allow A. C. Zachery, C. Watkins, and M. Taylor, prisoners placed under his charge, to escape.

Findings and sentence of the Court.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private W. R. Dry, Co. B., Elmore's Regt., as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge,	- - - - -	NOT GUILTY.
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore acquit the said private W. R. Dry, Elmore's Regiment.

XIII. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Velasco, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 253, current series, from these Head Quarters, were arraigned and tried—1st, J. Q. Langford, Co. B., Bates' Regt., on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Enlisting in another company without a regular discharge from the company in which he last served.

The specification sets forth that the accused having received a furlough for thirty days, in December, 1862, from his commanding officer, did not report to his command at the expiration of his furlough, nor to the Quartermaster's Dept. in Houston, where he had been previously detailed, but that in January, 1864, he was arrested at Columbia, Texas, as a deserter, having been published as a deserter, and that at the time he was arrested, he was serving in Capt. Butter's Co., of Anderson's Regiment.

Findings and sentence of the Court.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private J. Q. Langford, Co. B., Bates' Regiment, as follows:

Of the Specification,	- - - - -	NOT GUILTY.
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore acquit the said private J. Q. Langford, Co. B., Bates' Regiment.

2d—Private Royal King, Co. E., Bates' Regiment, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Desertion.

The specification sets forth that the accused being detailed by the Commandant of the Post of Velasco, on the 19th of December, 1863, to hunt a lost horse, did remain absent until the 28th day of July, 1864, when he voluntarily returned to his command.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Royal King, Co. E., Bates' Regiment, as follows:

Of the Specification,	- - - - -	GUILTY.
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	GUILTY.

The Court do therefore sentence the said private Royal King, Co. E., Bates' Regiment, to confinement and hard labor in the penitentiary of the State of Texas for twelve months, and to be then returned to his company for duty.

XIV. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Bonham, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 129, current series, from these Headquarters, were

arraigned and tried—1st, private Joseph Foster, Co. F, 33d Regt., Texas Cavalry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

The specification sets forth that the accused deserted his command on the 28th August, 1864, and was absent until arrested on the 5th September, 1864.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Joseph Foster, Co. F., 33d Regt., Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the Specification, GUILTY.

Of the Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Joseph Foster, Co. F, 33d Regt., Texas Cavalry, to six months hard labor on the fortifications on Galveston Island, to wear a twenty-five pound ball and chain to his leg during this time, and at its expiration to be transferred to the Infantry service.

2d—N. H. Haller, Hospital Steward, P. A., C. S., on the following charge and specifications:

CHARGE—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification 1st sets forth that the accused was drunk, while on duty, on the night of the 22d August, 1864.

Specification 2d sets forth that the accused did forcibly open and enter the bed room of a lady, citizen of Bonham, after she had retired, and without her consent.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, N. H. Haller, Hospital Steward, P. A., C. S., as follows:

Of the 1st Specification, NOT GUILTY.

Of the 2d Specification, NOT GUILTY.

Of the Charge, NOT GUILTY.

The Court do therefore acquit the said N. H. Haller, Hospital Steward, P. A., C. S.

3d—Capt. C. W. Smith, Co. B, Good's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification 1st sets forth that the accused having heard an order read on the night of the 8th of July, 1864, for the arrest of certain men, members of his Battalion, did go to the house where these men were staying, and give them warning that the order for their arrest had been given.

Specification 2d sets forth that the accused did absent himself from parade on the 1st July, 1864, until near 8 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of eating supper at the house of a citizen, and when sent for by the commanding officer to know the cause of his absence, did state other reasons which were untrue.

Specification 3d—sets forth that the accused did, on or about the 7th July, 1864, write to Lt. Matthews, Adj. of Good's Battalion, who was under orders to appear before a Court Martial at Bonham, Texas, advising him to stay away from said Court, and report himself too sick to attend, when the accused knew such was not the case, and that this advice was given through improper motives.

Specification 4th sets forth that the accused did, on or about the 5th day of May, 1864, say that he would suffer himself and his company to be placed under arrest before he would move, after proper orders had been given to move the Battalion, saying that "by God, he did not know who his commanding officer was."

CHARGE 2d.—*Disrespectful behavior toward his superior and Com'dy Officer.*

The Specifications, four in number, under this charge, set forth that the accused did, while under and after his arrest, by Col. Good, for certain offences committed on the night of the 8th July, 1864, behave in a manner highly disrespectful toward his superior and commanding officers, Col. Good and Brig. Gen. McCulloch.

CHARGE 3d.—*Persuading soldiers to desert the service of the C. S.*

The Specification, under this charge, sets forth that the accused did, while his command was on the march to Shreveport, La., with prisoners, advise certain members of his company to leave the command and not go to Shreveport with it. To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, Capt. C. W. Smith, Co. B, Good's Battalion, Texas Cav., as follows:

Of the 1st Specification, 1st Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 2d Specification, 1st Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 3d Specification, 1st Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 4th Specification, 1st Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 1st Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 1st Specification, 2d Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 2d Specification, 2d Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 3d Specification, 2d Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 4th Specification, 2d Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the 2d Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the Specification, 3d Charge,	NOT GUILTY.
Of the 3d Charge,	NOT GUILTY.

The Court do, therefore, acquit the said Capt. C. W. Smith, Co. B, Good's Battalion, Texas Cavalry.

XV. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Beaumont, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 214, current series, from these Head Quarters, were arraigned and tried—1st, privates W. W. Sheffield and L. Sermons, of Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Desertion.

The specification sets forth that the accused parties did desert from their command, private Sheffield on the 14th April, and private Sermons on the 24th March, 1864, and remained absent until the 31st August, 1864, when they surrendered themselves to Col. Spaight.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, privates W. W. Sheffield and L. Sermons, of Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the Charge,	GUILTY.

The Court do, therefore, sentence the said privates W. W. Sheffield and L. Sermons, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, each to six months confinement at hard labor at such post and such work as the Major General Commanding the District may direct, excepting seven days in each month, during which each of the accused will be placed in solitary confinement on bread and water diet.

2d—Private Drew Sheffield, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Desertion.

The specification sets forth that the accused did desert his command on the 2d day of May, 1864, and remained absent until the 31st day of August, 1864, when he surrendered himself to Lt. Col. Spaight.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Drew Sheffield, of Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, T. Inf'y, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge,	GUILTY.
Of the Charge,	GUILTY.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private, Drew Sheffield, Co

D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, to six months confinement at hard labor, at such places as the Commanding General may direct, after which to be returned to his company for duty.

3d—Private Wm. E. Hare, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, on the following charge and specification.

CHARGE—Desertion.

The specification sets forth that the accused did desert the service of the Confederate States on the 20th April, 1864, and remained absent until the 17th September, 1864, when he voluntarily returned and surrendered himself to Lt. Col. Spaight.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private W. E. Hare, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge, Guilty, except the word April, Of the Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said W. E. Hare, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, Texas Infantry, to six months confinement at hard labor, at such work and at such post or places as the Commanding General may direct, excepting 7 days out of each month to be placed in solitary confinement on bread and water diet, after which to be returned to duty with his company.

Private Wm. A. Slover, Co. B, 21st Regiment, Texas Infantry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Desertion.

The specification sets forth that the accused did, on the 1st day of September, 1863, obtain a furlough of forty days, he being at the time on certificate of disability, at the expiration of which time he was to report to Capt. Good, Ordnance Officer at Houston, if not recovered; that he did not report at the expiration of his furlough, but remained absent until the 6th day of Sept., 1864.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private W. A. Slover, Co. B, 21st Regiment, Texas Infantry, as follows:

Of the Specification to the Charge, GUILTY.

Of the Charge, Not GUILTY, but guilty of absence without leave.

The Court do, Therefore, sentence the said private, W. A. Slover, 21st Reg't Texas Infantry, to fourteen days solitary confinement on bread and water diet; at the expiration of said time to be publicly reprimanded, after which to be returned to duty with his company.

Private Ed. Shirley, Co. I, 4th Regiment La. Cavalry, on the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline.

The specifications, three in number, under this charge, set forth that the accused did, on or about the 26th of August, 1864, steal and feloniously convert to his own use certain articles, the property of other individuals.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, private Ed. Shirley, Co. I, 4th Reg't La. Cavalry, as follows:

Of the 1st Specification, 1st Charge, Not GUILTY.

Of the 2d Specification, 1st Charge, GUILTY.

Of the 3d Specification, 1st Charge, GUILTY.

Of the Charge, GUILTY.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private, Ed. Shirley, Co. I, 4th Regiment La. Cavalry, to thirty days fatigue duty, at Sabine Pass, Texas, and to be kept confined in the Guard House at that place, when not at work. At the expiration of his sentence to be returned to duty with his company.

XVI. At a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 153, current series, from these Head Quarters, was arraign-

ed and tried, Major W. L. Davidson, of Daly's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st — *Contempt and disrespect to his superior officer.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that he, the said Major W. L. Davidson, upon his return to Sabine Pass, Texas, on or about the 6th day of July, 1864, after a protracted absence from his command, did fail and refuse to report to his superior officer, Lt. Col. Andrew Daly, commanding Post, saying he did not consider him his superior officer, and would not report until Col. Griffin returned to Sabine Pass, and did continue to fail in reporting until peremptorily ordered to do so by Lt. Col. Andrew Daly, on or about the 8th day of July, 1864, when he reported to Lt. F. H. Bailey, Post Adjutant, notifying him that he reported under protest, All this at Sabine Pass, Texas, on or about the dates specified above, and in violation of an order from General E. K. Smith, commanding Trans-Miss. Dep't, directing him to report to his command (Daly's Battalion.)

Specification 2d.—In this, that the said Major W. L. Davidson, did make use of the most disrespectful language concerning his superior officer, Lt. Col. A. Daly, then in command of the Post, and at that time superintending an inspection of the troops by Capt. W. K. Foster, Asst. Insp. Gen'l, District of Texas, &c., saying, "look at that old son-of-a-bitch, old gingle bollicks, he don't know anything; I spent six thousand dollars to get him out of office, I have got him out of his office now, and to get that back I will have to cut it out of his guts, or out of his heart." "I will have him brought before an examining board and will make him tell what he knows, and what he don't know; what he does know won't take him long to tell, and what he don't know will make a big book," or words to the same effect. All this on the Garrison Parade ground at Sabine Pass, on or about the 6th day of July, 1864, and in the presence of several officers and enlisted men serving at Sabine Pass.

CHARGE 2d.—*Beginning a Mutiny*

Specification.—In this, that he, the said Major W. L. Davidson did originate and circulate for signature, a paper, first in Beaumont, Texas, on or about the 21st day of February, 1864, and subsequently at Sabine Pass, Texas, and Niblett's Bluff, La., having for its object the dismemberment and breaking up of Daly's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, and attachment of the troops composing the same to a regiment at that time being raised by Col. G. W. Chilton. All this at the places and on or about the dates specified, and without the knowledge and against the wishes of his superior officer Lt. Col. Andrew Daly, of Daly's Battalion, T. C.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Findings and sentence of the court:

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced, find the accused, Major W. L. Davidson, Daly's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, as follows:

Of the 1st Specification to 1st Charge, - - - Not GUILTY.

Of the 2d Specification to 1st Charge, - - - Not GUILTY.

Of the 1st Charge, - - - Not GUILTY.

Of the Specification to 2d Charge, - - - Not GUILTY.

Of the 2d Charge, - - - Not GUILTY.

And the Court do, therefore acquit the said Major W. L. Davidson, of Daly's Battalion.

XVII. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of privates W. Kenner, Co. B, Anderson's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, Joseph Foster, Co. F, 33d Regiment, Texas Cavalry, J. D. Hetton, Co. D, Anderson's Reg't, T. C., Royal King, Co. E, Bates' Reg't, Texas Infantry, James Long, Co. D, 17th consolidated Regiment, Texas Inf'y, and Ed. Shirley, Co. I, 4th La. Cavalry, are approved, and the sentences will be carried into effect, except the branding in the case of private W. Kenner, and the transfer to the Infantry service, in the case of private Joseph Foster, which are remitted.

Privates Joseph Foster and W. Kenner will be sent under guard, with a copy of their sentences, and turned over to the commanding officer at Galveston.

The sentence of private J. D. Helton, Co. D, Anderson's Reg't, will be carried into effect on Friday, the 28th of Oct., under the direction of the commanding officer, and in presence of the command at Camp Felder, Texas.

The sentences of privates Royal King, James Long, and Ed. Shirly will be carried into effect by the commanding officers of the posts at which the prisoners are confined.

XVIII. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of N. H. Haller, Hospital Steward, P. A. C. S., privates W. R. Dry, Co. B, Elmore's Reg't, Wm. W. Porter, Co. A, 21st Texas infantry, and Wm. English, Co D, Anderson's Reg't Texas cavalry, are approved. But upon the unanimous recommendation of the court in the case of Wm. English, the unanimous recommendation of the court and the extreme youth of the prisoner in the case of Wm. W. Porter, the sentences are remitted and the prisoners will be restored to duty with their respective companies.

XIX. In the cases of privates Wm. E. Hare and Drew Sheffield, of Co. D' Spaight's Battalion, the Major Gen. Commanding is of the opinion that where a soldier fails to return at the expiration of his furlough, but returns voluntarily at a later period, he is not, strictly speaking, liable to the charge of desertion, unless there is some proof adduced on the trial going to show the intention to abandon the service of the Confederate States permanently. This species of absence without leave, however, is as dangerous a crime to the army, and as infamous morally as desertion itself, combining as it does a breach of good faith to the officer who grants the indulgence, an injury to other good soldiers who are by the offender's fault debarred from obtaining furloughs, and a violation of the oath of obedience to the lawful commands of his superior officers. The error of the court being a technical one only, the sentences in these cases are approved and confirmed, and as soon as the epidemic has disappeared from Galveston the prisoners will be sent to that place for confinement at hard labor. Until that time they will be kept at hard labor at Sabine Pass.

The proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of private Wm A. Slover, Co. B, 21st Texas Infantry, are approved and confirmed, but as a longer period of solitary confinement on bread and water than from five to seven days can be endured only by the most robust, without great suffering and injury to the health, the sentence is lessened to six days solitary confinement on bread and water, at the end of which time the prisoner will be released and restored to duty. The commanding officer at Sabine Pass will carry this sentence into effect.

In the case of private Chas Barnett, Co. H, Timmons' Reg't, the court from their inadequate sentence seem to have no proper appreciation of the gravity of the offence of drunkenness on duty. The sentence however is confirmed, and will be carried into execution by the commanding officer at Galveston.

XX. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of Major W. L. Davidson, Daly's Battalion, Capt. A. B. White, Co. D, Borland's Reg't Tex. cavalry, and 2d Lt. J. M. Holdman, Spaight's Batt'n Texas Infantry, are approved, except as to 3d charge and its specification, in the case of Lt. Holdman, which is disapproved. The court erred in finding him not guilty of the only specification to the charge and guilty of the charge itself. Lt. Holdman ceases to be an officer of the army from this date, and will be conscripted into his company and battalion.

XXI. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of privates Jas G. L. Taylor, Co. D, Spaight's battalion Texas Inf'y, Onezeam Young, Co. C, Daly's Batt'n Texas cavalry, J. Butler, Co. B, Anderson's Reg't, G. W. Guger,

Co. E, 15th Reg't Texas cavalry, W. W. Sheffield and L. Sermons, Co D, Spaight's Batt'n, are disapproved. The prisoners will be released from arrest and restored to duty with their respective command. In the case of private James G. L. Taylor, the court having found him not guilty of all the specifications of the charge, he could not be found guilty of the charge. In the case of private Onezeam Young, the prisoner having been found guilty of the material facts of the specification, involving the crime of desertion, should have been found guilty of the charge. In the case of private J. Butler, it appears from the proceedings that one of the members of the court was absent during the first day's proceedings, but upon the second day took his place upon the court and participated in the finding and sentence. The absence of a member from the court during any part of the proceedings *so far as that case is concerned*, vitiates the whole proceedings.

In the case of private G. W. Guger, the court committed the extraordinary error of allowing a Judge Advocate other than the one detailed by the authority convening the court, to conduct the proceedings. Again: When the proceedings were forwarded to these Headquarters, it was found there was a material omission as to the presence of the prisoner when the court was sworn. The court was ordered to *reassemble*, and in case the prisoner was present to insert the fact in the proceedings. Upon the return of the record to these Headquarters, it does not appear that the court reassembled as they were ordered, and the correction appears to have been made by the President and Judge Advocate without reference to the court. These irregularities render the proceedings null and void.

In the case of privates W. W. Sheffield and L. Sermons, the court erred in permitting the joint trial. (See General Orders, No. 9, Par. XIII, and remarks of reviewing officer.)

XXII. The proceedings and findings in the case of Capt. C. W. Smith, Co. B, Good's Battalion Texas cavalry are disapproved. The second and fourth specifications of the second charge having been sustained, the court erred in their finding of "Not Guilty" to the charge. Capt. C. W. Smith will be released from arrest and restored to duty.

In the case of private J. Q. Langford, Co. B, Bates' Regiment, the prosecution failed from the insufficiency of the charges and the carelessness or incompetency of the Judge Advocate. As the prisoner in such cases is entitled to the benefit growing out of such circumstances he will be released from confinement and restored to duty with his company.

In the case of private L. L. Braunner, Co. D, 33d Regiment Texas cavalry, the specifications to the charge of desertion are indefinite and insufficient, in not setting forth clearly the time and place of deserting the *Confederate States service*. The omission of these material points renders the proceedings null and void, and the prisoner, although doubtless guilty, must be released and restored to duty.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY
A. A. Gen.

Enrolling Officers, as the same
belonging to the Government.

General Orders

Houston,

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 20, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16.

All Staff Officers, or others in this District, who have detailed men in their employ, will, without delay, forward to Capt J. A. Galt, A. I. Gen., at these Head Quarters, lists of same, stating the commands to which they belong, by whose orders detailed, and how employed.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

THOS. M. JACK,
Lt. Col. & A. A. General.

Head Qtrs, Dist of Texas, New Mexico & Arizona
Austin, Texas, Nov 15, 1864

General Orders }
No 14 }

The appointment of Civilians to the position of Provost Marshal being contrary to law and orders from the War Dept., all persons in this District holding the position of Provost Marshal, who have no commission in the regular service of the Confederate States, are hereby relieved.

The duties of Provost Marshal at places where there is a Post Commander, will be performed by the latter; and where there is no Post Commander, by the Enrolling Officer. Provost Marshals relieved by this order, will turn over to commanders of Posts or Enrolling Officers, as the case may be, all books, papers, &c, belonging to the Government.

My command of Maj. Paul Walker
A. H. May, Capt & adjt.

General Orders }
No 15 }

Houston, Tex Dec 15th 1864

Head Quarters of the Dist are hereby established
at Houston.

My com^d, &c

Thos M. Jack Lt Col & adjt

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Dec. 29, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 17.

I. Before a General Court Martial convened at Brenham, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 24, paragraph IV, current series, from these Head Quarters, of which Col. H. M. Elmore is President, were tried—

1st—Lt. G. N. Hardeman, Anderson's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that 2nd Lt. G. N. Hardeman, Co. H, Anderson's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, C. S. Army, did, on or about the 20th day of July, 1864, his regiment then being stationed at Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas, desert the service of the Confederate States, in company with about one hundred men of his own and other companies of his Regiment, and did not return to his command.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded NOT GUILTY.

Findings and sentence of the Court :

Of the specification

GUILTY.

Of the Charge

GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said 2nd Lieut. G. N. Hardeman, Co. H, Anderson's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, to be Cashiered, forfeit all pay and emoluments due him from the Confederate States, and that he be turned over to the Enrolling Officer for conscription.

2d. Private D. Campbell, Co. E, McCord's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—Sets forth that the accused absented himself from his Regiment without permission on the 21st day of July, 1864, and remained absent until the 6th day of September, 1864.

Findings and sentence of the Court :

Of the specification

GUILTY.

Of the Charge

NOT GUILTY,

But Guilty of Absence without Leave.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Private D. Campbell, Co. E, McCord's Regiment, to hard labor, under guard, for forty-five (45) days.

3d. Private J. G. Nettle, Co. E, McCord's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—Sets forth that the accused did desert the service of the Con-

federate States on the night of the 29th of July, 1864, and returned on the 3d of Oct., 1864.

Findings and sentence of the Court:
 Of the specification - - - - - GUILTY,
 Except the word "desert," for which insert "absented himself from the Confederate States service without proper leave."
 Of the charge - - - - - NOT GUILTY,
 But guilty of Absence without Leave.
 And the Court do therefore sentence the said Private J. G. Nettle, Co. E, McCord's Regiment, to hard labor under guard for sixty-five (65) days.

4th. Private Ed. Schertz, Co. G, Anderson's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—Sets forth that the accused did desert his Regiment on or about the 20th July, 1864, and remained absent until arrested.

Findings and sentence of the Court:
 Of the specification, - - - - - GUILTY.
 Of the charge, - - - - - GUILTY
 And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private E. Schertz, Co. G, Anderson's Regiment, to hard labor with ball and chain, under guard, for three (3) months.

5th, Private Samuel Gibson, Co. A, McCord's Regiment.

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification sets forth that the accused did desert on the 1st day of May, 1864, and go to Mexico and returned voluntarily to his command on the 30th of September, 1864.

CHARGE 2d—*Disobedience of orders.*

Specification sets forth that the accused did refuse to go on guard when ordered, after being regularly detailed.

CHARGE 3—*Disrespectful and contemptuous behavior towards his superior and commanding officer.*

Specification—Omitted.

Findings and sentence of the Court:
 Of the specification, 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.
 Of 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY
 Of specification, 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY
 Of 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY
 Of specification, 3d charge, - - - - - GUILTY.
 Of 3d charge, - - - - - GUILTY.
 And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Samuel Gibson, Co. A, McCord's Regiment, to hard labor, under guard, for thirty (30) days.

6th. Private Alex. Campbell, Co. E, McCord's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification sets ferth that the accused absented himself from his command on 21st July, 1864, and remained absent until September, 6, 1864, when he voluntarily returned.

Findings and sentence of the Court:
 Of the specification, - - - - - GUILTY.
 Of the charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY, but
 guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Alex. Campbell, Co. E, McCord's Regiment, to forty-four (44) days hard labor, under guard.

7th. Private J. H. Herron, Co. I, Anderson's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification sets forth that the accused did desert his Regiment on or about the 20th July, 1864, and did not return.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of the charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private J. H. Herron, Co. I, Anderson's Reg't to three (3) months hard labor under guard.

8th. Private Wm. Reed, Co. K, Anderson's Regiment.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification sets forth that the accused did desert his Regiment on or about the 20th July, 1864, and did not return.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of the charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Wm. Reed, Co. K, Anderson's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, to three (3) months hard labor, under guard.

II. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No 153, current series, from these Headquarters, of which Lieut. Col. J. H. Manly, is President, were arraigned and tried:

1st. Major O. Nathusius, Timmons' Regiment, Texas, Infantry, on the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*being present at a mutiny and not using his endeavors to suppress the same.*

Specification omitted on account of length.

CHARGE 2d—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specifications omitted on account of length.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of specification, 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of specification 1st, charge 2d, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of specification 2d, charge 2d, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore acquit the said Major O. Nathusius, Timmons' Regiment, Texas Infantry.

2d. Lt. John K. Madden, Co. F, Cooks Reg't Heavy Artillery.

CHARGE 1st—*Malicious destruction of property belonging to an inhabitant of the Confederate States.*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 2d—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification—Omitted.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded Guilty.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of specification, 1st charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of 1st charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of specification, 2d charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of 2d charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Lieut. John K. Madden, Co. F, Cooks Reg't Heavy Artillery, to be cashiered.

3d. Lieut. John Gross, Co. F, 2d Regiment Texas Infantry.

CHARGE 1st—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 2d—*Disrespectful language toward his superior officer.*

Specification 1st—Omitted. Specification 2d—Omitted.

CHARGE 3d—*Allowing one soldier to hire another to do his duty.*

Specification—Omitted.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification, 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the 2d specification, 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the 1st charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the specification, 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the specification, 3d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the 3d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore acquit the said Lt. John Gross, of Co. F, 2nd Regiment Texas Infantry.

4th. Lieut J. A. Graham, Capt. Peel's Co., Bradford's Regiment, Texas Cavalry.

CHARGE 1st—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—Omitted

CHARGE 2d—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification—Omitted.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of specification, 1st charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of 1st charge, - - - - - GUILTY.
 Of specification, 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.
 Of 2d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Lieut. J. A. Graham, of Capt. Peel's Co., Bradford's Regiment Texas Cavalry, to be reprimanded in the presence of his Regiment by his commanding officer, Col C. M. Bradford, and returned to duty.

5th. Private A. Rattisseau, Cook's Regiment Heavy Artillery.

CHARGE—*Holding correspondence with, and giving intelligence to the enemies of the Confederate States, by signals. Violation of 57th Art. War.*

Specification—Omitted.

Findings and sentence of the Court:
 Of the specification, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.
 Of the charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore acquit the said private A. Rattisseau, of Cook's Reg't Heavy Artillery.

III. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Beaumont, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 214, paragraph XXVI, current series, from these Headquarters, of which Capt. Geo. W. O'Bryan is President, were arraigned and tried:

1st. Lieut. G. K. Moore, Co. D, Ragsdale's Battalion.

CHARGE 1st—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification—Omitted on account of length.

CHARGE 2d—*Embezzling and misapplying provisions belonging to the Confederate States Government,*

Specification—Omitted.

CHARGE 3d—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—Omitted.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification, 1st charge, GUILTY, except the words, "At the town of Sabine Pass, Texas," and the words, "as such;" except also the words, "Sabine Pass to Beaumont, or to."

Of the 1st charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of the specification, 2d charge, GUILTY, except the words "being of the value of two hundred dollars."

Of the 2d charge, - - - - - GUILTY.

Of specification, 3d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

Of the 3d charge, - - - - - NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Lieut. G. K. Moore, Co. D, Ragsdale's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, to be dismissed from the military service of the Confederate States.

2d. Lieut. D. Slator, Co. D, Ragsdale's Battalion.



CHARGE—*Disobedience of Orders*

Specifications—Omitted on account of length.

Findings and sentence of the Court.

Of the 1st specification, GUILTY, except the words "fine" and "twelve hundred dollars," wherever they occur in the specification; except also the words, "or its equivalent in Confederate money"

Of the 2nd specification

Of the charge

GUILTY.

GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said 2nd Lieut. D. Slator, Co. D, Ragsdale's Battalion, Texas Cavalry, to sixty (60) days suspension from rank and pay, and to refund to the Government the schedule price of a cavalry horse for the month of May, 1864.

3d. Private Frank Honsinger, Co. B, 21st Texas Infantry.

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification sets forth that the accused was sent on detached service, and failed to return for nearly a year afterward.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification,

But attach no criminality thereto.

GUILTY,

Of the Charge

NOT GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore acquit the said Private Frank Honsinger, of Co. B, 21st Texas Infantry.

IV. The proceedings findings and sentences in the cases of Privates J. G. Nettle, D. Campbell, and Alex. Campbell, of Co. E, McCord's Regiment; Private J. H. Herron, Co. I, Anderson's Regiment, and Private Wm Reed, Co. K, Anderson's Regiment, are approved and confirmed. The prisoners will be sent under guard to Galveston, and turned over to the Commanding Officer at that place who is charged with the execution of the sentences.

V. The sentences in the cases of Privates Ed. Schertz, Co. G, Anderson's Regiment, and Saml. Gibson, Co. A, McCord's Regiment, as entirely inadequate to their offence, are disapproved, but confirmed, and will be carried into effect.

To the neglect of General Courts Martial to award proper and adequate punishment to offenders of this class, is to be attributed the frequency of desertion. It is not for the Court, but the reviewing officer, to consider the mitigating circumstances of the case. They are solemnly sworn to decide according to the law and the evidence, and they are bound by this oath to affix a legal and adequate punishment to the established offence. The frequency of desertion in this District lies directly at the door of Courts Martial who, forgetful of their duty, lean towards a mercy that is a crime against their country. The prisoners will be sent, under guard, to Galveston, and turned over to the commanding officer at that place, who is charged with carrying out their sentences.

VI. The proceedings and findings in the case of Private Frank Honsinger, Co. B, 21st Texas Infantry, are approved. The findings in the case of Private A. Rattisseau, Co. C, Cook's Reg't Heavy Artillery is disapproved in as much as the evidence upon which their finding is based was that of the prisoner's wife, who is an incompetent witness. The prisoners will be released from confinement and restored to duty with their companies.

VII. The proceedings and findings in the cases of Major O. Nathusius, Timmon's Regiment, and Lt. John Gross, Co. F, 2nd Reg't Texas Infantry, are approved. These officers will be released from arrest and restored to duty with their commands.

VIII. The proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Lt. J. A. Graham, Capt. Peel's Co. Bradford's Reg't, are approved, and the sentence will be carried into effect.

In the case of Lt. Slator, Co. D, Ragsdale's Battalion, it seems to have been the intention of the Court to award a sentence of suspension for the time specified, from rank, pay and *command*, but as the latter was omitted, the sentence is nothing more than a pecuniary fine, and is therefore remitted, except that portion of it which requires that the schedule price of the horse in May, 64, be refunded to the Government. Upon the presentation of a receipt from a Quartermaster for said money, this officer will be released from arrest and restored to duty. Suspension from *rank* only, disqualifies an officer for such promotion by seniority as he would have been entitled to, occurring during his suspension. Suspension from *command*, if intended as a part of the sentence must be so stated.

IX. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of Lt. G. N. Hardeman, Co H, Anderson's Reg't, Lt. G. K. Moore, Co D, Ragsdale's Battalion, and Lt. John Madden, Co. F, Cook's Reg't Heavy Artillery, are approved and confirmed; they cease to be officers of the Confederate States from this date. Lt. Hardeman will be released from confinement. Lieuts. Moore and Madden will be conscripted by the commanding officers of their respective commands into the companies to which they belonged as officers.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. WALKER.

A. H. MAY, Capt. & A. A. GEN.

New Series

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, JANUARY 1ST, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 1.

For the purpose of establishing a more perfect organization of Negro Labor in the District of Texas, and of systematising its operations so as to produce uniformity throughout the District, the following

RULES AND REGULATIONS

will be observed :

I. The Bureau for Negro Labor of this District will be divided into three Sub-Bureaux; first—one to be called "Labor Bureau of Northern Sub-District," office at Bonham, to include all the counties of the Northern Sub-District, with the exceptions hereinafter made. Second—one to be called "Labor Bureau of the Central Sub-District," office at District Head Quarters, to include all the counties of the Central and Eastern Sub-Districts; and, third—one to be called the "Labor Bureau of the Western Sub-District," office at San Antonio, to include all the counties in the Western Sub-District.

II. All reports from Enrolling Officers heretofore ordered to be made to the "Commandant of Negro Labor at Houston," will hereafter be made to the Chiefs of the respective Sub-Bureaux in the District to which their counties are respectively attached by this order, except the counties of Lamar, Red River, Bowie, Davis, Marion, Harrison, Titus, and Upshur, which are attached to the Labor Bureau of West Louisiana; and all officers who may have negroes at the date of this order, detailed to them, will, as soon as their services can be dispensed with, report the same to the Chief of the Labor Bureau of the Sub-District in which the county of the owner is situated. A complete list of all the negroes belonging to the respective Sub-Bureaux on the books of the Commandant of Negro Labor, will be furnished, on application, to the Chiefs of the respective Bureaux.

III. Each Sub-Bureau will be under the direction and control of an officer styled the "Chief," and one or more clerks: the whole under the orders of the Commandant of Negro Labor.

IV. Each Sub-Bureau will be required to keep a set of books—1st: one, containing the names of negroes conscribed and reported within their respective Districts, with appropriate columns for names of owners, county, age, color and height of negro, when conscribed, and to whom assigned, with alphabetical index of both owners and negroes' names. 2d: Another, which shall be headed "A Descriptive List of the Negroes employed in Government Service in the Labor Bureau of the —— Sub-District," with appropriate columns in which all accounts for clothing, &c., furnished the negro, shall be kept, for which purpose a space of three or four lines between the name of each negro will be left, and a double index of masters' and negroes'

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all unassigned Officers of the Staff and Line, in this District, will report without delay by letter to their Head Quarters - giving name, - address - command and rank; and stating by what authority they are absent from their commands.

My com^d - Wm. M. Jack
aa4

Houston Jan 24th 1865

No 3 }

I - General Order No 1, current series, from then 20th, is so amended as to place the Counties of Panola, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson, Freestone & Limestone, now in charge of the Labor Bureau of the Northth Sub Dist - under the control of the Labor Bureau of the Central Sub Dist.

II - Genl. Order no 14, from then 10th, of date Nov 15/64, was not intended to relieve from duty Provost Marshals who are com^d Officers; all such will continue on duty until also specially, by competent authority.

My com^d - W. A. Smith aa4

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, &c.,

HOUSTON, January 30, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 4.

Before a General Court Martial, convened at Sabine Pass, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 214, paragraph XXVI, series of 1864, from these Headquarters, of which Capt. Geo. W. Bryan was President, were arraigned and tried:

1st, Capt. CHAS. BICKLEY, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st—Embezzeling public funds with which he was entrusted for the payment of troops under his command.

Specification.—In this, that he the said Capt. Chas. Bickley, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, did appropriate to his use by betting at Faro, or other games of chance, the sum of eight hundred (\$800) dollars, with which he had been entrusted for the payment of the soldiers of his own Company by Captain J. C. Cabeen, A. C. S. & A. A. Q. M., of the 21st Texas Infantry. This at Houston, on or about the 1st day of February, 1863.

Charge 2d—Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Specification.—In this that the said Chas. Bickley, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, after having sold his Pay Account for the month of June, 1862, to Lieut. L. M. Newsom, 21st Texas Infantry, did make out a new account for the same month, and collect the same from Captain J. W. Oliver, A. Q. M., 21st Texas Infantry, without the knowledge and consent of said Lieut. Newsom, and did appropriate the money to his own use.

Charge 3d—Cowardice in the presence of the enemy.

Specification 1st.—In this that the said Captain Chas. Bickley, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, being Captain and Vol. A. D. C. to Lieut. Col. W. H. Griffin, commanding Confederate forces at the battle of Calcasieu Pass, La., on the 6th May, 1864, did fail to appear and remain at his post on the battle field, but did, during the heat of the action, take shelter under the hospital flag.

Specification 2d.—In this that the said Captain Chas. Bickley, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, being in charge of ordnance on board the steamer Granite City, at Calcasieu Pass, La., on the 8th May, 1864, did conduct himself in a cowardly and disgraceful manner, in failing and refusing to fire upon a U. S. transport when ordered to do so by his superior officer, Major F. C. McReynolds, and did shamefully abandon his gun and retreat into the hold of the Granite City; and did, by tremulousness and other unmistakable signs, manifest timidity and fear, by which disgraceful and cowardly conduct said transport did escape being made a prize to the Confederate forces there present.

Charge 4th—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Specification 1st.—In this that he, the said Captain Chas. Bickley, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, being officer in charge of ordnance on board the steamer Granite City at Calcasieu Pass, La., from the 6th to the 8th May, 1864, and knowing that one of the enemy's transports was expected to arrive on the morning of the 8th May, 1864, did willfully fail and neglect to put the guns, or any part of them, in battery or fighting condition, by which neglect said transport did escape.

Specification 2d.—In this that he, the said Capt. Chas. Bickley, Co. F, 21st Texas Infantry, did, on the evening of the 7th May, 1864, on board the steamer Granite City, at Calcasieu Pass, La., being in charge of ordnance as aforesaid, report to his commanding officer, Major McReynolds, that the guns were in order and ready for action; which report was untrue.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.
 Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of Specification 1st Charge,	GUILTY,
except the word "eight hundred."	
Of the 1st Charge,	GUILTY
of <i>misapplying</i> public funds entrusted to him for the payment of the troops under his command.	
Of Specification to 2d Charge,	GUILTY,
except the words "from Capt. J. W. Oliver, A. Q. M."	
Of the 2d Charge,	GUILTY.
Of Specification 1st, Charge 2d,	NOT GUILTY.
Of Specification 2d, Charge 3d,	NOT GUILTY.
Of Charge 3d,	NOT GUILTY.
Of Specification 1st, Charge 4th,	NOT GUILTY.
Of Specification 2d, Charge 4th,	GUILTY.
Of Charge 4th,	GUILTY

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Captain Charles Bickley, Co. F. Griffin's Battalion, to be dismissed as a commissioned officer from the military service of the Confederate States.

I. Before the same Court was arraigned and tried 1st Lieut. F. H. BAILEY, Adjutant Griffin's Battalion Texas Infantry, upon the following Charges and Specifications:

Charge 1st—Cowardice.

Specification 1st—In this that the said F. H. Bailey, Lieut. and Adjutant 21st T. V. I., did, at the battle of Calcasieu Pass, La., on the 6th day of May, 1864, behave in a cowardly and unofficerlike manner, in avoiding the enemy, and not appearing on the battle field until after the surrender of the gunboat "Granite City."

Specification 2d—In this that the said Lieut. F. H. Bailey, Adj. 21st T. V. I., did, during the heat of the battle, take shelter behind the hospital, coming there on his horse from an opposite direction to the battle field, and did, when asked how the fight was going on, reply that we were whipped like Hell, or words to that effect. This on the 6th day of May, 1864, at Calcasieu Pass, La.

Charge 3d—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

Specification 1st—In this that the said Lieut. F. H. Bailey, Adjutant 21st T. V. I., did, during the heat of the battle of Calcasieu Pass, take shelter behind the hospital, and when asked "how the battle was going," in presence of both officers and enlisted men replied, "We are whipped like hell," or words to that effect. This at Calcasieu Pass, La., on the 6th day of May, 1864.

Specification 2d—In this that said Lieut. F. H. Bailey, Adjutant, 21st T. V. I., did, after taps, gamble at the game of Pharo in presence of and with enlisted men. This at Sabine Pass, Texas, during the month of February, 1864.

Charge 4th—Abuse of authority.

Specification 1st—In this that the said Lieut. F. H. Bailey, Adj. 21st T. V. I., did issue an order over the official signature of Col. W. H. Griffin, commanding Post of Sabine Pass, during his (Col. Griffin's) absence, and by so doing force an ambulance marked Hospital Department, C. S. A., and in possession of the Medical Officer in charge of Post Hospital from said officer and the use of the Hospital Department, to be turned over to the Post Quartermaster, which order was in violation of General Orders No. 29, issued from Department Headquarters; and was obeyed under protest.

To which Charges and Specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of Specification 1st, Charge 1st,	NOT GUILTY.
Of Specification 2d, Charge 1st,	GUILTY,
except the words "did, during the heat of the battle of Calcasieu Pass, take shelter behind the hospital," but attach no criminality to the charge.	

Of the first Charge,	-	-	-	:	NOT GUILTY.
Of Specification 1st, Charge 3d,	-	-	-	-	GUILTY,

except the words "did, during the battle of Calcasieu Pass, take shelter behind the hospital."

Of Specification 2d, Charge 3d,	-	-	-	-	GUILTY.
Of the 3d Charge.	-	-	-	-	GUILTY.
Of Specification 4th Charge,	-	-	-	-	GUILTY.
Of the 4th Charge,	-	-	-	-	GUILTY.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Lieut. F. H. Bailey, Adjutant Griffin's Battalion Texas Infantry, to three months suspension from rank, pay and command, and to remain at Sabine Pass, Texas, during the entire period of suspension: also to be publicly reprimanded by the Commanding General in General Orders from District Headquarters.

III. The proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Lieut. F. H. Bailey, Adjutant of Griffin's Battalion, are approved and confirmed. Lieut. Bailey will proceed to Sabine Pass and report to the commanding officer at that post. He is released from arrest.

IV. The proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Capt. Bickley, Co. F., Griffin's Battalion, are approved. The technical misapplication of public money is established by the evidence, but the circumstances brought to light on the trial do not warrant the conclusion that any fraud was intended. In regard to the finding on the specification to the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, although the facts were proved, there is sufficient reason to believe that the error was one of bad memory and loose business habits, rather than a deliberate purpose to act dishonorably. Under these circumstances the Major General Commanding remits the sentence of dismissal from the service, and trusts that this lesson will show Capt. Bickley the necessity of correcting himself of one unfortunate habit, but for which these proceedings would never have been necessary. He is released from arrest and restored to duty with his company.

BY COMMAND OF

W. A. SMITH, A. A. GEN.

MAJ. GEN. WALKER,

Houston, Feb 13/65

Circular } Persons desiring to pass the Confederate
Lines or go beyond the limits of the State of Texas
will apply for passports to Capt. H. B. Walker,
A. S. Genl - whose passports will be respected throughout
the District.

My comd &c Thos M. Jack acc

Houston, Feb 15th/65

Circular }

Officers having detached men, reporting
to them, are notified that it is not admissible
for them to grant furloughs to such men.

Furloughs of this class of men, like those
of other soldiers, must be approved at Dept or
Dist Hd Qrs. No others will be respected. Provost
marshalls & Enrolling officers are expected to see
to the enforcement of this order.

My comd &c Thos M. Jack acc

Houston, Feb 18th 1865

Genl Order No 5 }

Capt S. Boyer Davis, A. S. Genl. is hereby temporarily
assigned to duty on the staff of the Major Genl
commanding -

My comd &c Thos M. Jack acc

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, FEBRUARY 23D, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6.

I. At a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 7, Paragraph II, from these Head Quarters, of which Lieutenant-Colonel Ireland is President, was arraigned and tried Private ANTONE RICHERS, of Degé's Light Battery, upon the following charges and specifications, viz :

Charge 1st—DESERTION.

Specification :—In this, that the said Private A. Richers did, in the night of the 9th to the 10th of December, 1864, desert his company, stationed on Galveston Island, with the intention to make his way to the enemy's fleet blockading the harbor of Galveston. Early in the morning of the 10th an alarm was given by some negroes, stationed near the obstructions in the Bay, that some men were in distress in the channel, calling for help. Upon which C. H. Peters, of Co. "B," Engineer Troops; A. J. Jackson, of 1st Co., Engineer Troops, and J. W. Maris, of Co. "E," 2d Regiment, T. V. Infantry, got a boat to render assistance, if necessary. Mr. Peters took the boat to the place of disaster, where he found a boat which had capsized, and Private A. Richers, above named, and two others, clinging to it. He took A. Richers into the boat, intending to land him at the Central Wharf, to which, however, he objected, and was, therefore, compelled to land him at another point. After being landed he made Peters promise not to say any thing about it, and invited him to call at his camp, and he would make him a handsome present, acknowledging that he had left without the consent of his commanding officer. He further stated to Private A. J. Jackson, 1st Co., Engineer Troops, that he was dissatisfied with his Lieutenant, as also with his grub, but would, from this time on, be content, as he had been saved from drowning.

Charge 2d—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Specification :—In this, that the said private A. Richers, above named, did, in the night of the 9th to 10th of December, 1864, steal a boat from one of the wharves at Galveston city, not knowing whom it belonged to, and took it down the channel with the intention to desert to the enemy, blockading the harbor of Galveston, until arriving at the obstructions in the channel, the boat was capsized and lost. All this at or near the city of Galveston, on the night from the 9th to the 10th of December, 1864.

To all of which the accused pleaded *not guilty*.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

The Court, having maturely considered all the evidence adduced, find the accused,

Of Specification, 1st Charge,.....	Guilty.
Of 1st Charge,.....	Guilty.
Of Specification, 2d Charge,.....	Guilty.
Of 2d Charge,.....	Guilty.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Antone Richers, Degé's Battery, to be shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as the Maj. Gen. Commanding may direct.

II. The proceedings, finding and sentence of the Court in the foregoing case are hereby approved and confirmed, and the sentence will be carried into effect in the presence of such part of the troops on Galveston Island as Brig. Gen. Hawes shall direct, on Friday, the 3d day of March next.

III. The sentence of the General Court Martial in the case of Lieutenant MAX. MEISSNER, Co. "D," Timmons' Regiment of Texas Infantry, is remitted, except that portion reducing him to the ranks as a Private. Private Meissner will be released from arrest and conscripted in such company of his regiment as his commanding officer shall designate.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

W. A. SMITH,

A. A. Gen'l.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

I. It is hereby made the duty of Post Commanders and Provosts Marshal to instruct their Guards and Patrols to arrest, without reference to grade, any officer or soldier who may be found drunk.

Guards upon Railroad Trains particularly, will be instructed to prevent indecorum, rowdyism and disorder ; and any soldier, whether under the influence of liquor or not, who, by such misconduct, causes annoyance to the public, will at once be arrested and placed in charge either of the Provost Marshal at Houston or Galveston, or the Post Commander at Hempstead, which ever may be most convenient.

II. Paragraph VI., General Orders, No. 6, dated Head Quarters, District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, Houston, Sept. 24, 1864, is so modified as to read as follows :

Hereafter no leaves of absence, or furloughs, based upon Surgeon's Certificate, will be granted to officers or soldiers belonging to commands in the District, except upon the approval of the District Commander.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

WM. A. SMITH,

A. A. Gen'l.

Head Quarters, District Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Feb. 5th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8.

I. Before a General Court Martial convened at San Antonio, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 40, paragraph XIII, series of 1864, from these Head Quarters, of which Col. C. D. Pyron, 2d, Texas Cavalry, is President, was arraigned and tried, 1st Lieut. Col. D. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, upon the following charges and specifications, viz:

CHARGE 1st—*Drunkenness on Duty.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said Lt. Col. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, P. A. C. S., whilst in command of his Regiment, on or about the 31st of July, 1864, in pursuit of the enemy on their retreat to Brazos Santiago, immediately after their evacuation of Brownsville, was so intoxicated as to be totally unfit for duty. All this between Brownsville and Brazos Santiago.

Specification 2d—In this, that the said Lieut. Col. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, P. A. C. S., was, on or about the 31st August, 1864, the day appointed by Lieut. Newsom, A. A. & Inspector General for the inspection of the said Showalter's Regiment, so drunk as to be entirely unfit to properly present his Regiment for Inspection. All this at or near Palmito Rancho.

Specification 3d—In this, that on or about the 6th day of September, 1864, Lieut. Col. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, P. A. C. S., whilst in command of his Regiment, which was stationed at Palmito Rancho, on the Rio Grande river below Brownsville, in front of the enemy, when attacked, was so drunk as to be unfit to properly command his Regiment, and left it without leave or orders, and proceeded to Brownsville, where he remained the greater part of the night, although positive orders had been given him by Colonel Ford, his superior officer, to return immediately to his command.

CHARGE 2d—*Quitting his Command without leave—Violation of the 50th Article of War.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said Col. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, P. A. C. S., when in command of the forces between Brownsville and Brazos Santiago, on or about the 6th September, 1864, did leave his command without urgent necessity, and without leave from his superior officer, and proceed to Brownsville, where he remained the greater part of the night: this when his command was in front of the enemy.

CHARGE 3d—*Creating False Alarm in Camp—Violation of the 49th Article of War.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said Lieut. Col. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, P. A. C. S., did leave his command, then between Palmito Rancho and Brownsville, and reported to his commanding officer at Brownsville that he was attacked by a superior force of the enemy at Palmito Rancho; that he was falling back before them, after having lost (20) twenty or (30) thirty of his best men, and that the enemy would reach Brownsville by daylight, or words to that effect, thereby creating confusion and unnecessary alarm, detrimental to the service. This at Fort Brown or Brownsville, on or about the 6th September, 1864.

To which charges and Specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of first Specification, first Charge,	Not Guilty
Of second Specification, first Charge,	Not Guilty
Of third Specification, first Charge	Not Guilty
Of the first Charge,	Not Guilty
Of Specification, second Charge,	Not Guilty
Of the second Charge,	Not Guilty
Of the Specification, third Charge,	Not Guilty
Of third Charge,	Not Guilty

And the Court do, therefore, fully acquit the said Lieut. Col. D. Showalter, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, P. A. C. S., of every part of the above charges, 2d.—Private W. H. Morris, Co. I, 3d Texas Infantry, upon the following charges and specifications

CHARGE 1st.—*Absence without Leave*

Specification sets forth that the accused did absent himself, at various times during the month of August, 1864, from his workshop and work without leave from Major T. A. Washington, in whose employ he was detailed.

CHARGE 2d.—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification sets forth that the accused did fail to account properly for public property in his possession, and with which he was chargeable for their safe keeping.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Findings and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification, first Charge,	Guilty
Of the first Charge,	Guilty
Of the Specification, second Charge,	Not Guilty
Of the second Charge,	Not Guilty

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private W. H. Morris, Co. I, 3d Texas Infantry, to twenty (20) days hard labor under guard.

3rd.—Private John A. Tarde, Co. F, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, upon the following charge and specifications:

CHARGE.—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that the said John A. Tarde, private of Co. F, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, being on duty as Clerk in the Provost Marshal's Office at the Post of San Antonio, in the State of Texas, did, on or about the 13th day of November, 1864, while on duty as aforesaid, demand from one Joseph Lutheringer, he the said Lutheringer, having been regularly placed in the Guard House and in charge of the Provost Guard of the Post at San Antonio, the sum of seventy-five dollars for his release from the said Guard House; and that the said John A. Tarde did, at the time and place aforesaid, to-wit, on or about the 13th day of November, at the Post of San Antonio, in the State of Texas, receive from the said Joseph Lutheringer, the said sum of seventy-five dollars, and did, in consideration of the payment of said sum of money by the said Lutheringer, release him, the said Lutheringer, from arrest and from the custody of the Provost Guard.

Specification 2d.—In this, that the said John A. Tarde, did, on or about the 13th day of November, 1864, at the Post of San Antonio, in the State of Texas, while acting as Clerk of the Provost Marshal of said Post of San Antonio, falsely pretend that he could release from custody, one Joseph Lutheringer, who had been regularly arrested and placed in charge of the Provost Guard, if the said Lutheringer would pay him the sum of seventy-five dollars; and that the said Tarde did, at the time and place aforesaid, demand and receive from the said Lutheringer, the said sum of seventy-five dollars, as a condition to his release from custody; and that upon the receipt of said sum of money, he, the said John A. Tarde, did release the said Joseph Lutheringer, from arrest and from the custody of the said Provost Guard.

Specification 3d.—In this, that the said John A. Tarde, private Co. F, 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, being on duty as Clerk of the Provost Marshal at the Post of San Antonio, in the State of Texas, did, on or about the 15th day of

November, 1864, at the said Post of San Antonio, while acting as Clerk of the Provost Marshal, demand from one Emma Staacke, then a resident of San Antonio, the sum of fifty dollars, in consideration whereof, he agreed to give a passport to the said Emma Staacke; and that the said John A. Tarde did, at the time and place aforesaid, receive from the said Emma Staacke, the said sum of fifty dollars, upon the payment of which he gave her a Provost Marshal's passport to pass through the State of Texas into Mexico.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the first Specification of the Charge,	Not Guilty
Of the second Specification,	Not Guilty
Of the third Specification,	Guilty
Of the Charge,	Guilty

And the Court—owing to the physical inability of the accused to undergo more severe punishment—do, therefore, sentence him the said private John A. Tarde, of Co. F, of the 4th Regiment, Arizona Brigade, to be confined in the Guard House for the period of three months.

II. Also, before a General Court Martial, convened at Sabine Pass, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 214, paragraph XXVI, series of 1864, from these Headquarters, of which Capt. G. W. O'Bryan, Spaight's Battalion, is President, was arraigned and tried,

1st.—Assistant Surgeon P. Jordan, P. A. C. S., upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE.—*Drunkness.*

Specification.—In this, that he the said Assistant Surgeon P. Jordan, did, on the 3d of November, 1864, at Sabine Pass, Texas, become intoxicated from the use of spirituous liquors.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge,	Not Guilty
Of the Charge,	Not Guilty

The Court do, therefore, acquit the accused.

2d.—Private Kinsey Richardson, of Co. H, Spaight's Regiment, (late, Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that private Kinsey Richardson, of Co. D, Spaight's Battalion, T. V. I., did desert the service of the Confederate States of America, from the town of Liberty, Texas, on the 15th day of May, A. D., 1863, whilst his company was on the march to Louisiana, and did remain absent until arrested by Lieut. Collins, of the Reserve Corps, and delivered on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1864, to the Provost Marshal at Beaumont, Texas.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge,	Guilty,
except the words and figures "15th," and all the words after "until."	
Of the Charge,	Guilty

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the accused private K. Richardson, to be confined at hard labor on the public fortifications for the period of the war, with a (32) thirty-two pound ball attached by a chain to his right leg, and at the expiration of the period to be dishonorably discharged from the service.

3d.—Private John Horton, of Co. A, 21st Texas Infantry, (late Griffin's Battalion,) upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that he, the said private John Horton, of Co. A, 21st Texas Infantry, did, on or about the 18th of April, 1863, desert the service of the Confederate States from his company then stationed on Shell Bank, on Sabine River, and did remain absent from his command until about the 4th of

September, 1864, when he rejoined his company then stationed at Sabine Pass, Texas.

To which charge and specification the accused plead Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - Guilty
Of the Charge, - - - - Guilty

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private John Horton to sixteen months confinement at hard labor on the public fortifications, with a (32) thirty-two pound ball attached by a chain to his right leg during the entire period, excepting the hours he is actually engaged at labor.

III. Also, before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 153, paragraph XIII, series of 1864, from these Head Quarters, of which Maj. Von Harten, Cook's Regiment Texas Artillery, is President, was arraigned and tried,

1st.—Private John L. Sanford, of Co. I, 2d Regiment, T. V. I., upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private John L. Sanford, having failed to report at Camp Lubbock, near Houston, Texas, at the time of the reorganization of the Regiment in October, 1863, and remained absent until about the 9th of December, 1864, at which time he reported to his company at Galveston for duty.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - Guilty
Of the Charge, - - - - Guilty,

of absence without leave.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the accused, private J. L. Sanford, of Co. I, 2d Regiment Texas Infantry, to the forfeiture of the privilege of a furlough during the war, and his pay stopped for the period of his absence, that being from the 1st of Nov., 1863, to the 9th of December, 1864.

2d.—Private H. B. Martin, Co. I, Timmons' Regiment, upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private H. B. Martin, Co. I, Timmons' Regiment, did absent himself from his command without the intention of returning, from the 1st day of Nov., 1863, until arrested by Capt. Pool, and brought into camp on the 25th August, 1864. All this at Fort Randal, August 26th, 1864.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - Guilty,
with the exception of the words, "without the intention of returning,"
Of the Charge, - - - - Not Guilty.

And the Court do, therefore, acquit the said private H. B. Martin, of the charge against him.

2d.—Lieut. O. Conklin, of Co. C, 2d Texas Infantry, upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE.—*Conduct unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman.*

Specification.—In this, that Lieut. O. Conklin, in connexion with Capt. J. I. McGinnis, A. Q. M., 2d T. V. I., Lieut. Madden, of Co. F, Cook's Regiment Heavy Artillery, and Lieut. T. S. Reeves, Co. C, 2d T. V. I., did, on the night of the 1st of December, 1864, forcibly enter the residence of Capt. Hellmers, a citizen of this place, where the said Capt. Hellmers and Lady were at the time giving a private party to the friends of the family.

Lieut. O. Conklin, finding the house door locked, broke the lock and entered the house and went up stairs—arrived there he drew out his pistol, and brandishing it over his head, threatened to shoot the first person that should attempt to

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification, - - - - - *Not Guilty*
Of the Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

And the Court do therefore acquit the said Lieut. F. P. Miller, of Co. A, Cook's Regiment.

6th. Lieut. Reeves, of Co. C, 2d Reg't T. V. I., upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that Lieut. Reeves, in connexion with Capt. J. I. McGinnis, A. Q. M., 2d T. V. I., Lieut. O. Conklin, Co. C, 2d T. V. I., and Lt. Madden, of Co. F, Cook's Regiment Heavy Artillery did, on the 1st of December, 1864, forcibly enter the residence of Capt. Hellmers, a citizen of this place, when the said Capt. Hellmers and Lady were at the time giving a private party to the friends of the family. Lieut. Reeves finding the house door locked broke the lock, and entered the house and went up stairs—arrived there, he drew out his pistol and brandishing it over his head, threatened to shoot the first person that should attempt to interfere. After remaining there some time, being asked by Lieut. Maddea to leave the house, he went down stairs but refused to leave the house. All this in the City of Galveston, on or about the 1st day of Dec., 1864.

Charge 2d.—*Drunkenness.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that Lieut. Reeves was found by the guard drunk on board the Luna, on or about the 7th December, 1864, and the guard were asked by the Mate of the Luna to put him ashore, which they succeeded in doing, he resisting them. All this in the City of Galveston, on or about the 7th day of December, 1864.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification to Charge 1st, - - - - - *Guilty.*
Of the 1st Charge, - - - - - *Guilty.*
Of the 1st Specification to Charge 2d, - - - - - *Guilty.*
Of the 2d Charge, - - - - - *Guilty.*

And the Court do therefore sentence the accused, Lt. Reeves, of Co. "C," 2d Texas V. I., to be dismissed the service.

IV. Also, before a General Court Martial, convened at Houston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 6, current series, from these Head Quarters, of which Col. Overton Young, 8th Regiment, Texas Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried: 1st, Private A. Dittert, a Conscript in the Confederate States service, upon the following charge and specification:

CHARGE—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that private A. Dittert, a regularly enrolled Conscript, in the Confederate States service, did, on or about the 12th day of January, 1865, desert the service of the Confederate States, from Camp Greer, Harris County, Texas, the Camp of Instruction for conscripts, and did not return until apprehended on the 14th January, 1865.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the specification to the charge - - - - - *Guilty.*
Of the charge - - - - - *Guilty.*

The Court do therefore sentence the accused to four months confinement in the guard house at Camp Greer, or any other Conscript camp, with a twenty-four pounder ball attached by a chain to his right leg, and to be paraded around the camp for four hours each day—two in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, carrying a knapsack filled with bricks, weighing thirty pounds, strapped to his back—the knapsack to be marked in plain letters "desertion."

V. Also, before a General Court Martial convened at Brenham, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 24, paragraph IV. series of 1864, from these Head Quarters, of which Col. H. M. Elmore, 20th Texas Infantry, is President, was

arraigned and tried: 1st. Capt. W. Spaulding Good, Capt. of Artillery and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., upon the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Embezzlement of Public Funds.*

Specification—In this that Capt. W. Spaulding Good, Capt. of Artillery and Ordnance officer, P. A. C. S., did, at the City of Houston, during the months of May, June, July, August, October, November and December, 1862; January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, 1863, and at the town of Anderson, Grimes Co., Texas, during the months of December, 1863, and January, February, March, April and May, 1864, embezzle and appropriate to his own use the public funds of the Confederate States, in that he charges the Confederate States with large amounts of money certified by said Capt. Good to have been paid to different individuals named on his vouchers and pay rolls, of the dates above mentioned, which amounts of money were never paid to said persons, but were, by the said Capt. Good fraudulently appropriated to his own use.

Specification 2nd—In this, that the said W. Spaulding Good, Capt. of Artillery, and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., did, under date of March 3rd and May 2d, 1863, embezzle and appropriate to his own use the public funds of the Confederate States, in that he did, under date of March 3rd, 1863, on his quarterly abstract of disbursements, charge the Confederate States with \$2,960 paid for 1480 lbs. powder purchased of J. Reichman & Co, which powder was never bought, and the money certified by said Capt. Good to have been paid for it, was, by the said Capt. Good, fraudulently appropriated to his own use; and that under date of May 2d, 1863, on his quarterly abstract of disbursements, he charged the Confederate States with \$11,700 for powder purchased of Frances Lopez, for which powder only \$7,800 was paid, this amount being all that was charged or received for said powder by said Lopez; said Capt. Good fraudulently appropriating to his own use \$3,900, the excess of what he charged the Confederate States on his abstract over what he actually paid said Lopez.

Charge 2d—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification—In this, that said Capt. W. Spaulding Good, Capt. of Artillery and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., did, at the City of Houston, Texas, during the months of May, June, July, August, October, November and December, 1862; January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, 1863, and at Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, in December, 1863, and January, February, March, April and May, 1864, make out, sign and forward to the Ordnance Bureau false pay Rolls and Vouchers, charging the Confederate States on said Pay Rolls and Vouchers with large amounts of money certified to have been paid to different individuals, viz: H. Schultz, Peter Harnis, S. Wilson, James Walters, R. Seymour, Wm. Davis, P. Henricks, James Brown, John Tompkins, St. Boyd, Jos. Kruger and H. Meyers, named on said Pay Rolls and Vouchers, which names of individuals are fictitious and were never in the employment of Capt. Good or the Confederate States; and that the several amounts charged against the Confederate States on said Pay Rolls and Vouchers, as paid to the individuals fictitiously named therein, were never paid to them, but were by said Capt. Good fraudulently appropriated to his own use.

Specification 2d—In this, that said Captain W. Spaulding Good, Captain of Artillery and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., did, under date of March 3d, 1863, make out, sign and forward a false quarterly abstract of disbursements, charging the Confederate States on said abstract with \$2,960, paid for powder purchased of J. Reichman & Co., which powder was never purchased, and the money certified by Capt. Good to have been paid for said powder was never paid to J. Reichman & Co., but was by Capt. Good fraudulently appropriated to his own use. All this at the city of Houston, Texas.

Specification 3d—In this, that Capt. W. Spaulding Good, Capt. of Artillery and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., did, under date of May 2d, 1863, make out, sign and forward a false quarterly abstract of disbursements, charging the Con-

federate States on said abstracts with \$11,700, paid for powder purchased from Francis Lopez, the said Capt. Good fraudulently appropriating to his own use \$3,900, the excess of what he charged the Confederate States over what he actually paid said Lopez. All this at the city of Houston, Texas.

Specification 4th—In this, that Capt. W. Spaulding Good, Capt. Artillery and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., did, on the 1st January, 1864, in the town of Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, rent the house of a citizen of said town for the use of his (Capt. Good's) family, which house they occupied until the 20th March, 1864, said Capt. Good charging the Confederate States with the rent of said house on his report of houses rented and quarterly abstracts of disbursements, thus charging the Confederate States for the rent of a house which was not in its use.

To which charges and specifications the accused plead, not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification of 1st Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

Of the 2d Specification of 1st Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the 1st Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

Of the 1st Specification of 2d Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

with the exceptions of the words, "H. Schultz, Peter Harnis, S. Wilson, James Walters, R. Seymour, John Tompkins and H. Meyers."

Of the 2d Specification of 2d Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the 3d Specification of 2d Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the 4th Specification of 2d Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the 2d Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Captain W. Spaulding Good, P. A. C. S., to be cashiered, and that he be compelled to refund to the Confederate States the sum of six thousand five hundred and twenty dollars and seventy-five cents.

2d. Private William Brown, of Capt. G. Jones' Light Battery, upon the following charge and specification:

Charge—Desertion.

Specification—In this, that said private William Brown, of Capt. O. G. Jones' Light Battery, did, on or about the 10th day of November, 1864, desert the service of the Confederate States and did continue a deserter until arrested by Capt. Conway on the United States steamer Sonora, about the 17th day of November, 1864. All this at or near Brownsville, Texas, and dates specified.

To which charge and specification the accused plead not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

Of the Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

The Court do therefore sentence the accused, private William Brown, of Jones' Battery of Light Artillery, to six months' confinement at hard labor, in charge of the guard, on the public fortifications at Sabine Pass, with a 32-pound ball attached by a suitable chain to his right leg. At the expiration of the period to be returned to duty with his company.

3d. Private John W. Sorrells, of Co. D, Spaight's Regiment, upon the following charge and specification:

Charge—Desertion.

Specification—In this, that he, the said private John W. Sorrells, of Co. D, Spaight's Regiment, (formerly Co. E, Griffin's Battalion,) did desert the service of the Confederate Service on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1863, from Sabine Pass, Texas, and remained absent from his command until arrested and delivered to his company commander at Camp Lubbock, Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1865.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

except the words "30th" and "17th," where they occur in the Specification.

Of the Charge, - - - - - *Guilty*

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private John W. Sorrells to thirteen months hard labor, in charge of the guard, at such places as the Commanding General may designate.

VI. Also, before a General Court Martial, convened at Tyler, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 112, paragraph XI, series of 1864, from these Headquarters, of which Capt S. T. Bennett, Brown's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, is President, was arraigned and tried,

1st.—Private John F. Bennett, of Co. C, 15th Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—That on or about the night of November 26th, 1864, the said private John F. Bennett, of Co. C, 15th Texas Cavalry, did, with his gun, accompany a party of armed men, led by 1st Sergeant Wm. H. Muncey, to the house of Mr. Robinson, a citizen of Smith County, Texas, and while the said Mr. Robinson was guarded in his house, assist in robbing the premises of five hundred pounds of Tobacco, more or less, also, in breaking open two beegums taking the honey therefrom.

Specification 2d.—In this, that the said John F. Bennett, of Co. C, 15th Texas Cavalry, did, on the night of the 26th November, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience to camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the first Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the second Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>

And the Court do, therefore, acquit the said private John F. Bennett, Co. C, 15th Texas Cavalry.

2d.—Private Lewis Rose, Co. D, 15th T. C., on the following charge and specification:

Charge—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that the said Lewis Rose, private Co. D, 15th T. C., did desert the service of the Confederate States on or about the 20th day of October, 1864, at the Post of Tyler, Texas, and did remain absent from his company until brought to it under guard.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification, except the words " <i>did desert the service of the Confederate States,</i> "	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty.</i>

But the Court find the accused, Lewis Rose, guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private Lewis Rose, Co. D, 15th Texas Cav. to ten days hard labor in charge of the guard, with a twelve pound ball fastened to his ankle with a chain, at Post Tyler, Texas.

3d.—Private Abraham Herron, Co. D, 16th T. C., upon the following charge and specification;

Charge 1st.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that private Abraham Herron, Co. D, 15th T. Cav., did, on or about Sept. 8th, 1864, desert his command then on duty at Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas, and remain absent until brought back under guard.

Charge 2d.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification.—In this, that Abraham Herron, of Co. D, 15th T. Cav, did, on or about the night of November 27th, 1854, go, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, and trade with Yankee prisoners at the Hospital, in disobedience of orders regulating camp.

To which charges and specifications the accused plead Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification to 1st Charge, - - - - - *Guilty,*
 except the words "did desert his command." - - - - - *Not Guilty.*

Of the 1st Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty.*

But the Court find him guilty of absence without leave. - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the Specification to 2d Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the 2d Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private Abraham Herron, Co. D, 15th T. C., to walk and carry forty (40) pounds of said in a sack strapped on his back, for two consecutive hours in the forenoon, and two consecutive hours in the afternoon, for thirty (30) days, exclusive of Sundays, in charge of the guard, and to be confined in the guard house the remainder of the time including Sundays.

4th.—Private Ira B. Moore, of Co. E, 15th T. Cav., upon the following charge and specifications:

Charge 1st.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that on or about the night of November, 26th, 1864, private Ira B. Moore, of Co. E, 15th T. Cav., did accompany a party of armed men, led by Wm. H. Muncey, to the house of Mr. Robinson, a citizen of Smith County, Texas, and while an armed guard confined Mr. Robinson to his house, did assist in robbing the premises of five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, and, also, in breaking open two bee-gums and taking the honey therefrom.

Specification 2d.—That the said Ira B. Moore, did, on the night of November 26th, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience to camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of Specification 1st, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of Specification 2d, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty.*

And the Court do, therefore, acquit the said private Ira B. Moore, Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry.

5th.—4th Sergeant J. C. Copeland, Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications :

Charge.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that 4th Sergeant Jonathan C. Copeland, of Co. E, 15th T. Cav., did, with his gun, on or about the night of November 26th, 1864, accompany a party of armed men to the house of Mr. Robinson, a citizen of Smith County, Texas, and assist in guarding the house, confining Mr. Robinson to the same, until the remainder of the party robbed the premises of five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, and break open two bee-gums and take the honey from the same.

Specification 2d.—In this, that said 4th Sergeant Jonathan C. Copeland, of Co. E, 15th T. Cav., did, on the night of 26th November, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience to camp regulations.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of the 1st Specification, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the 2d Specification, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

Of the Charge, - - - - - *Not Guilty*

And the Court do, therefore, acquit the said Sergeant Jonathan C. Copeland of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry.

6th.—Private Samuel H. Thompson, of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications :

Charge.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that the said Samuel H. Thompson, a private of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, did, on or about the 26th November, 1864, in the night, accompany a party of armed men, led by Sergeant Wm. H. Muncey, to the house of Mr. Robinson, a citizen of Smith County, Texas, and while an armed

guard confined Mr. Robinson to his house, hold the horses of those engaged in robbing the premises of five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, and breaking open two bee-gums and taking the honey therefrom.

Specification 2d.—In this, that the said private Samuel H. Thompson, of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, did, on the night of November 26th, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience of camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification,	- - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the 2d Specification,	- - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the charge,	- - - - -	Not Guilty

And the Court do, therefore, acquit the said private Samuel H. Thompson, Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry.

4th.—4th Sergeant William T. Miner, Co C, 15th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications:

Charge.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—That on or about the night of November 26th, 1864, 4th Sergeant William T. Miner, of Co. C, 15th T. Cav., did go, with his gun, to the house of Mr. Robinson, of Smith County, Texas, and assist in taking five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, by force, while the aforesaid Robinson was guarded in his house by an armed party. The said 4th Sergeant William T. Miner guarding the house part of the time.

Specification 2d.—That the 4th Sergeant, William T. Miner, did, on the night of November 26th, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience to camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification,	- - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the 2d Specification,	- - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	Not Guilty

And the court do, therefore acquit the said Sergeant Wm. T. Miner, Co. C. 15th Texas Cavalry.

8th.—Private Elisha B. Potter, of Co. L, 15th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications:

Charge — *Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that on or about the night of November 26th, 1864, private Elisha B. Potter, of Co. C, 15th Texas Cav., did, with his gun, accompany a party of armed men, led by Sergeant Wm. H. Muncey, to the house of Mr. Robinson, a citizen of Smith County, Texas, and while an armed guard confined him, Mr. Robinson, to his house, robbed the premises of five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, and broke open two bee-gums and take the honey therefrom.

Specification 2d.—In this, that the said private Elisha B. Potter, of Co. C, 15th T. Cav., did, on the night of the 26th November, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience of camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the court:

Of the 1st Specification,	- - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the 2d Specification,	- - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	Not Guilty

And the court do, therefore, acquit the said private Elisha B. Potter of Co. C, 15th Texas Cavalry.

9th.—Private David B. Mayhorn, of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications:

Charge — *Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—In this, that David B. Mayhorn, a private of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, did, with his gun, accompany an armed party, led by Wm. H.

Muncey, to the house of Mr. Robinson, a citizen of Smith County, Texas, and while an armed guard confined Mr. Robinson to his house, hold the horses of those engaged in robbing the premises of five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, and breaking open two bee-gums and taking the honey therefrom. All this on or about the night of November, 26th, 1864.

Specification 2d.—In this, that the said David B. Mayhorn, of Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry, did, on the night of November 26th, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience to camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the court :

Of the 1st Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>

And the court do, therefore, acquit the said private David B. Mayhorn, of Co. E, 15th Texas cavalry.

10th.—Private Charles S. Wilkins, of Co. C, 15th Texas cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications :

Charge.—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification 1st.—That on or about the night of November 26th, 1864, that private Charles S. Wilkins, Co. C, 15th Texas cavalry, did accompany a party of armed men, led by William H. Muncey, to the house of Mr. Robinson, and while an armed guard confined the aforesaid Mr. Robinson, of Smith county, Texas, to his house, assist in robbing the premises of five hundred pounds of tobacco, more or less, and break open two bee-gums and take honey therefrom.

Specification 2d—That the said private Charles S. Wilkins, Co. C, 15th T. cavalry, did, on the night of the 26th November, 1864, absent himself from his command in disobedience to camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the court :

Of the 1st Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>

And the court do, therefore, acquit the said private Charles S. Wilkins, of Co. C, 15th Texas Cavalry.

11th. Private Russell Thomas, of Co. D, 15th Tex. Cav., upon the following charges and specifications :

Charge 1st—Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.

Specification 1st—That on the night of Nov. 26th, 1864, the said private Russell Thomas, of Co. D, 15th Tex. Cav., did go to the house of Lewis Clewis, a fugitive from the Military authority, and inform him that he was on that night to be arrested, whereby the said Lewis Clewis made his escape.

Specification 2nd—That on or about Nov. 27th, 1864, at night, private Russell Thomas did visit the Yankee Hospital for the purpose of trading with the Yankee prisoners, in disobedience of orders and camp regulations.

To which charge and specifications the accused plead not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court :

Of the 1st Specification	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty.</i>
Of the 2nd Specification	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty.</i>
Of the Charge	- - - - -	<i>Not Guilty.</i>

And the Court do therefore acquit the said private Russell Thomas, Co. D, 15th Texas Cavalry.

12th. Private Lewis Clewis, of Co. D, 15th Tex. cavalry, upon the following charge and specifications :

Charge—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

Specification 1st—In that private Lewis Clewis, of Co. D, 15th Tex. Cavalry, did, on or about the 3d day of November, 1864, say that he had always been a Union man, and was still so—that if McClellan, on being elected President of the

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United States, should offer peace on the basis of restoration of the Union, two thirds of the soldiers would vote for it—that he had never fought any yet, and would shoulder his gun and fight for McClellan—that this war would then come to an end.

Specification 2d—In this, that private Lewis Clewis, of Co. D, 15th T. Cavalry, did, while under arrest, say publicly, in the presence of the guard, that he would have revenge, if he was punished, on the man who had him arrested.

Specification 3d—In this, that private Lewis Clewis, of Co. D, 15th Tex. Cav, did, on the night of Nov. 6th, 1864, break guard and remained a fugitive from military authority until arrested and brought to camp, December 3d, 1864.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification,	- - - - -	Guilty
Of the 2d Specification,	- - - - -	Guilty
Of the 3d Specification,	- - - - -	Guilty
Of the Charge,	- - - - -	Guilty

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Lewis Clewis, Co. D, 15th Texas Cavalry, to nine (9) months' hard labor on the Public Works, with a thirty-two (32) pound ball attached to his leg with a chain, in charge of the guard.

18th, Sergeant G. W. Flowers, of Co. A, Brown's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, upon the following charge and specification:

Charge—Desertion.

Specification—In this, that said Sergeant G. W. Flowers, of Co. A, Brown's Reg't, did, on the 28th of August, 1864, receive a furlough from his commanding officer for fifteen (15) days, to go to Brazoria county, Texas, at the expiration of which time he was to rejoin his company, wherever it might be, or be considered a deserter; and at the expiration of said fifteen (15) days failed to report to his company, and continued absent until arrested by a detachment of Co. G, 2d Tex. Cavalry, one (1) mile this side of the Rio Grande river. All this happened at Camp of Brown's Regiment, near Harrisburg, Texas, on 28th August, 1864.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification	- - - - -	Guilty.
Of the Charge	- - - - -	Not Guilty.

But the Court do find the accused, Sergt. G. W. Flowers, guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do, therefore sentence the said Sergeant G. W. Flowers, Co. A, Brown's Regiment, to be reduced to the ranks, and to wear a twenty-four (24) pound ball and chain attached to his leg for four (4) months in charge of the guard.

VII. Also, before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 7, Paragraph II, series of 1865, from these Headquarters, of which Lt. Col. John Ireland, 8th Texas Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried:

1st, J. B. Price, Commissary Sergeant 8th Texas Vol. Infantry, upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st—Embezzlement and misapplication of Commissary stores.

Specification—In this, that the said J. B. Price, Commissary Sergeant, 8th Reg't Tex. Vol. Inf'y, did take from the Commissary store house, at Bolivar Point, Texas, three (3) barrels of flour, and carry said flour to Galveston to issue to Co. A, 8th Reg't Tex. Vol Inf'y, and instead of issuing the flour to Co. A, aforesaid, fraudulently appropriated the same to his own use. All this at Bolivar Point and Galveston, Texas, on or about the 22d day of December, 1864.

Charge 2d—Disobedience of orders.

Specification—In this, that said J. B. Price, Commissary Sergeant of the 8th Reg't Texas Vol. Inf'y, did, contrary to orders and without the consent of his superior officer, reduce the ration of beef from 1½ pounds to 1¼ pounds, and did

order W. D. Sherwood, Quartermaster Sergeant, to issue to the companies of this command no more than $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of beef per ration.

Charge 3d—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—In this, that the said J. B. Price, Commissary Sergeant 8th Reg't T. V. I., did, without the authority or consent of the A. C. S. of this Post, or of the Commander of the Post, reduce the ration of beef from $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds to $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, and did order W. D. Sherwood, Quartermaster Sergeant of the 8th T. V. I., to issue to the companies of this command no more than $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of beef, contrary to orders from the A. C. S. All this at Bolivar Point, Texas, on or about the 6th day of January, 1865.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of Specification to Charge 1st, - - - - -	Guilty
with the exception of the words, "to issue to Co. A, 8th Reg't T. V. I."	
Of Charge 1st, - - - - -	Guilty
Of Specification to Charge 2d, - - - - -	Guilty
Of Charge 2d, - - - - -	Guilty
Of Specification to Charge 3d, - - - - -	Guilty
Of Charge 3d, - - - - -	Guilty

And the Court do therefore sentence the said J. B. Price, Com'y Sergeant 8th Reg't T. V. I., to make good the loss of (3) three barrels of flour to the Com'y Dep't of the 8th Reg't T. V. I., and to forfeit all his pay and be dismissed the service; and that he be forever deprived of the privilege of holding an office of trust or emolument in the Provisional army of the Confederate States.

2d. Capt. D. H. Lewis, 20th Reg't T. V. I., P. A. C. S., upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st—*Disobedience of orders.*

Specification—In this, that the said Capt. Lewis, being in command of Fort Magruder, on Galveston Island, did, contrary to orders, permit a Federal transport to pass the said Fort under a flag of truce, and into Galveston harbor. All this at or near Galveston, Texas, on or about the 11th day of December, 1864.

Charge 2d—*Neglect of duty.*

Specification—In this, that the said Capt. Lewis, 20th Reg't T. V. I., P. A. C. S., being in command of Fort Magruder, on Galveston Island, did permit a Federal transport to pass the said Fort under a flag of truce, and enter Galveston harbor. All this at or near Galveston, Texas, on or about the 11th day of December, 1864.

Charge 3d—*Abuse of authority in authorizing the destruction of palisades necessary to the defence of the Fort under his command.*

Specification—In this, that the said Capt. D. H. Lewis, 20th Reg't T. V. I., P. A. C. S., being in command of Fort Magruder, on Galveston Island, did, on or about the 11th day of Dec., 1864, cause to be issued to the troops under his command, for fuel, a portion of the palisades surrounding said Fort, thereby diminishing the strength of the fortifications under his command. All this at or near Galveston, Texas, on or about the 11th day of Dec., 1862.

To which charges and specifications the accused plead not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification of 1st Charge, - - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the first Charge, - - - - -	Not Guilty
Of the 1st Specification of 2d Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
Of the 2d Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
Of the 1st Specification of 3d Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
Of the 3d Charge, - - - - -	Guilty

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Capt. D. H. Lewis, 20th Reg't T. V. I., to be reprimanded by the General Commanding the defences of Galveston and returned to duty.

3d. Capt. N. P. Richardson, 20th Reg't, P. A. C. S., upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st—*Disobedience of orders.*

Specification—In this, that he the said Capt. N. P. Richardson, 20th Reg't T. V. I., P. A. C. S., being in command of Fort Sulakowski, on Galveston Island, did, contrary to instructions, permit a Federal transport to pass the said Fort under a flag of truce, and enter Galveston harbor. All this at or near Galveston, Texas, on or about the 11th day of Dec, 1864.

Charge 2d—*Neglect of duty.*

Specification—In this, that the said Capt. N. P. Richardson, 20th Reg't T. V. I., P. A. C. S., being in command of Fort Sulakowski, on Galveston Island, did, permit a Federal transport to pass the said Fort under a flag of truce and enter Galveston harbor. All this at or near Galveston, Texas, on or about the 11th day of December, 1864.

To which charges and specifications the accused plead not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification to 1st Charge,	-	-	-	-	Not Guilty
Of the 1st Charge,	-	-	-	-	Not Guilty
Of specification to 2d Charge,	-	-	-	-	Guilty

but attach no criminality thereto.

Of 2d Charge,	-	-	-	-	Not Guilty
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And the Court do therefore acquit the said Capt. N. P. Richardson, of the charges and specifications against him.

4th. Private Fred Tappenback, of Co. C, 1st Reg't Heavy Artillery, upon the following charge and specification:

Charge—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that private Fred Tappenback, of Co. C, 1st Regiment Heavy Artillery, did, on or about the 3d day of July, 1864, absent himself from his company, then stationed at Camp Groce, Texas, and remain absent without leave up to the 2d of December, 1864.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded not guilty,

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification to the Charge,	-	-	-	-	Not Guilty
Of the Charge,	-	-	-	-	Not Guilty

And the Court do therefore acquit the said Fred Tappenback, Co. C, Cook's Reg't, of the charge and specification against him.

5th. Private A. Richers, of Capt. Dege's Battery, upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that the said private A. Richers, did, in the night from the 9th to the 10th December, 1864, desert his company stationed on Galveston Island, with the intention to make his way to the enemy's fleet, blockading the harbor of Galveston. Early in the morning of the 10th an alarm was given by some negroes, stationed near the obstructions in the bay, that some men were in distress in the channel calling for help. Upon which C. H. Peters, of Co. B, Engineer Troops, A. J. Jackson, of 1st Co. Engineer Troops, and J. W. Maris, of Co. E, 2d Reg't T. V. I., got a boat to render assistanæ, if necessary. Mr. Peters took the boat to the place of disaster, where he found a boat which had capsized, and private A. Richers, above named, and two others, clinging to it. He took A. Richers into the boat intending to land him at the Central Wharf, to which however he objected, and was compelled therefore to land him at another point. After being landed he made Peters promise not to say anything about it, and invited him to call at his camp and he would make him a handsome present, acknowledging that he had left without the consent of his commanding officer. He further stated to private A. J. Jackson, 1st Co. Engineer Troops, that he was dissatisfied with his Lieutenant, as also with his grub, but would from this time on be content, as he had been saved from drowning.

Charge 2d—*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.*

Specification—In this, that the said private A. Richers, above named, did in the night of the 9th to 10th of December, 1864, steal a boat from one of the wharves at Galveston city, not knowing who it belonged to, and took it down the channel, with the intention to desert to the enemy blockading the harbor of Galveston, until arriving at the obstructions in the channel the boat was capsized and lost. All this at or near the city of Galveston, on the night from the 9th to the 10th of December, 1864.

To all of which charges and specifications the accused plead not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of Charge 1st,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
Of Charge 1st,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
Of the Specification to Charge 2d,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
Of Charge 2d,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Antone Richers, Dege's Battery, to be shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as the Maj. Gen Commanding may direct; two thirds of the court concurring in the sentence.

6th—Private J. F. Rendu, of Co. G, Timmons' Reg't, upon the following charge and specifications:

Charge—*Disobedience of the lawful orders of his superior officers.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said private J. F. Rendu, of Co. G, Timmons' Reg't, did, on the 17th day of January, 1865, at Galveston, Texas, refuse to obey the lawful orders of his company officer when ordering him on fatigue, and did avow his determination to do no further service in the army of the Confederate States.

Specification 2d—In this, that the said private J. F. Rendu, of Co. G, Timmons' Reg't, did, on the 19th day of Jan'y, 1865, at Galveston, while a prisoner in the Regiment Guard House, refuse to go on fatigue when ordered by the Adjutant, saying he would not go if he would be shot for it the next minute, or words to that effect. All this at Galveston, Jan. 27th, 1865.

To which charge and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification to the charge,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Specification to the charge,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
Of the charge,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>

And the court do therefore sentence the said J. F. Rendu, private in Co. G, Timmons' Reg't T. V. I., as follows: The court is of the opinion, that, under ordinary circumstances, the offence proven is one for which a soldier should suffer death; but in consequence of the short time that the accused has been in the country, previous to his enlistment, and that he believed that he was entitled to his discharge as an alien, the court do therefore sentence the said Rendu to do fatigue duty in his Regiment every day for the period of (60) sixty days, with a placard attached to his back with the following inscription upon it: "Here is a foreigner who was a volunteer; served three years, and then refused to do service because he was an alien—(41) forty-one years of age." At the expiration of the (60) days to be returned to duty with his company.

7th.—Private J. J. L. Hollander, of Cavalry Company B, Exempt Battalion, upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge.—*Cruel Treatment of Prisoners.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private J. J. L. Hollander, while on duty as one of a detail under command of Corporal Langston of the same company, in charge of arrested conscripts and deserters, did misuse and whip with a quirt, different ones of said prisoners, while on the march under his charge. All this near the City of Austin, Texas, on or about the 12th of April, 1864.

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification,	- - - - -	<i>Guilty</i>
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And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private J. J. L. Hollander, of Cavalry Company B, Exempt Battalion, to walk on foot from San Antonio, Texas, to Austin, Texas, in three days, and that he be reprimanded in presence of his company by the Captain of the company.

8th. 2d Lt. M. Gengler, Co. D, Timmons' Regiment, upon the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Violation of Orders.*

Specification 1st—In this, that he the said 2d Lt. Gengler, of Co. D, Timmons' Reg't., did, during, or about, the first of the month of November, 1864, buy for Mrs. Wolfin a lot of liquors, which she, the said Mrs. Wolfin, did sell by the glass in violation of orders from Post Headquarters; he, the said 2d Lieut. Gengler, knowing at the time that she the said Mrs. Wolfin had no license, and he being at the time on duty in the Post Guard of the City of Galveston, which guard was charged with the maintenance of discipline in the city. All of this during the months of October and November, 1864, in the city of Galveston.

Specification 2d—In this, that the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, of Co. D, Timmons' Reg't., did, on or about the 22d day of October, 1864, while as officer of the day he was charged with the duty of finding out the names of liquor sellers in the city and of closing all unlicensed houses, failed to close the house of Mrs. Wolfin, which he knew at the time was unlicensed. All this in the city of Galveston, on or about the 22d of Oct., 1864.

Charge 2d—*Neglect of Duty.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, of Co. D, Timmons' Reg't., knowing that Mrs. Wolfin did retail liquors in violation of orders, whereby disorderly conduct amongst the soldiers of the command was encouraged, did fail to report the fact to the proper authority, he at the time being attached to the Post Guard of the city. All this in the city of Galveston, on or about the 24th of Nov., 1864.

Specification 2d—In this, that he the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, of Co. D, Timmons' Reg't., did on or about the 22d day of October, 1864, while as officer of the day he was charged with the duty of finding out the names of the liquor sellers in the city of Galveston, and of closing all unlicensed houses, failed to close the house of Mrs. Wolfin, which he knew at the time was unlicensed. All this in the city of Galveston, on or about the 22d day of October, 1864.

Charge 3d—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.*

Specification 1st—In this, that the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, Co. D, Timmons' Reg't., did aid and abet and identify himself with a certain Mrs. Wolfin in keeping a drinking house which was productive of disorder among soldiers, in violation of the laws of the State of Texas and of the Confederate States, and in violation of orders from the Post Commander of the city of Galveston. He having deposited with the said Mrs. Wolfin liquors which he owned and which he knew she was selling or would sell without the license required by the laws of the State of Texas and Confederate States, and orders from Post Headquarters. All this on or about the 20th day of November, 1864, in the city of Galveston.

Charge 4th—*Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.*

Specification 1st—In this, that he the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, Co. D, Timmons' Regiment, did on or about the 20th Nov., 1864, unite and identify himself with a certain Mrs. Wolfin in the keeping of a disorderly house for the retail of spirituous liquors without license, and in violation of the laws of the State of Texas and of orders from the Post Commandant of the city of Galveston. All this in the city of Galveston on or about the 20th Nov., 1864.

Specification 2d—In this, that the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, of Co. D, Timmons' Reg't., did, on or about the 22d day of Oct., 1864, while as officer of the day he was charged with the duty of finding out the names of the liquor sellers in the city, and of closing all unlicensed houses, failed to close the house of Mrs.

Wolfen, which he knew at the time was unlicensed. All this in the city of Galveston, on or about the 22d Oct., 1864.

Specification 3d—In this, that the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, of Co. D, Timmons' Reg't, did, on or about the 24th Nov., 1864, apply to Capt. Douglass, Provost Marshal, to reclaim a portion of the liquors seized from Mrs. Wolfen, when he stated that he did not know that she, the said Mrs. Wolfen, had no license, but during cross examination did admit that he knew she had no license. All this on or about the 24th day of Nov., 1864.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification of 1st Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Specification of 1st Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 1st Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 1st Specification of 2d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Specification of 2d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 1st Specification of 3d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 3d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 1st Specification of 4th Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Specification of 4th Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 3d Specification of 4th Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 4th Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>

And the Court do therefore acquit the said 2d Lt. M. Gengler, Co. D, Timmons' Reg't Inf'y.

9th. Capt. Riley, Cook's Regiment Artillery, P. A. C. S., upon the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st—*Neglect of Duty.*

Specification—In this, that the said Capt. Riley, Cook's Reg't Heavy Artillery, P. A. C. S., did apply for permission to search the steamer "Denbigh" before her departure from the port of Galveston, stating that he had reason to believe that some men of his company were concealed on board said ship in order to leave the country; and the request being granted, did proceed with a guard to said ship, which he caused to be searched so carelessly that several deserters from C. S. Army, concealed thereon, were not arrested, and escaped to sea, whereby their services were lost to the Confederate States. All this at Galveston Texas, on or about the 21st day of October, 1864.

Charge 2d—*Aiding and abetting deserters from the Armies of the Confederate States.*

Specification—In this, that the said Capt. Riley, Cook's Regiment Heavy Artillery, P. A. C. S., did apply for permission to search the steamer "Denbigh" before her departure from the Port of Galveston, stating that he had reason to believe that some men from his company were concealed on board said ship in order to leave the country; and the request being granted did proceed with a guard to said ship, which he caused to be searched so carelessly that several deserters concealed thereon were not arrested and escaped to sea—whereby their services were lost to the Confederate States. All this at Galveston, Texas, on or about the twenty-first day of October, 1864.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded not guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of 1st Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 1st Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 1st Specification of 2d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>
Of the 2d Charge,	- - -	<i>Not Guilty</i>

And the Court do therefore acquit the said Capt. Riley, of Cook's Regiment Heavy Artillery, of the charges against him.

VIII. The proceedings and findings of the courts in the cases of Lt. Col. D. Showalter, 4th Reg't Arizona Brig.; Ass't Surg. P. Jordan, P. A. C. S.; Capt.

N. P. Richardson, Co. D, 20th Reg't Tex. Inf'y; Lt. W. E. Archer, Co. H, 20th Reg't Tex. Inf'y; Lt. F. P. Miller, Co. A, Cook's Reg't Artillery; Lt M. Gengler, Timmons' Reg't; Lt. O. Conklin, Co. C, 2d Reg't Tex. Inf'y; Capt. Riley, Cook's Reg't Artillery; Sergt. W. T. Miner, and privates Elisha Potter, Charles Wilkins, and John Bennett, Co. C, 15th Reg't Tex. Cavalry; Sergt. J. C. Copeland, and privates D. B. Mahone, Sam'l H. Thompson and Ira B. Moore, Co. E, 15th Tex. Cav.; private Russell Thomas, Co. D, 15th Reg't Texas Cavalry; private Fred Tappenback, Co. C, Cook's Reg't Heavy Artillery; and private H. B. Martin, Co. I, Timmons' Reg't, are approved, and the parties are released from arrest, and restored to duty with their respective commands.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of Sergt. G. W. Flowers, Co. A, Brown's Regt. Tex. Cav; Privates Lewis Rose and Abraham Herron, Co. D, 15th Reg't Tex. Cav.; Private W. H. Morris, 3d Tex. Inf'y; Private John A. Tardy, Co. F, 4th Reg't Arizona Brigade; private William Brown, Jones' Light Battery; A. Dittert, conscript; J. F. Rendu, Co. G, Timmons' Reg't; and John L. Sandford, company I, 2d Regiment T. Infantry, are approved and confirmed, and the sentences will be carried into effect by the commanding officer at the posts where these prisoners are confined.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of privates John Horton, Co. I, Speights' Reg't; R. Richardson, Co. H, Speight's Reg't; Lewis Clewis, Co. D, 15th Reg't Tex. Cav., and J. W. Sorrells, Co. D, Speights' Reg't Texas Infantry, are approved and confirmed, and the prisoners will be sent to Galveston Island, where the sentences will be carried into effect by the commanding officer at that Post.

The proceedings, findings and sentence of the General Court Martial in the case of private Antone Richers, Deges' Battery, are approved and confirmed and the sentence will be carried into effect in the presence of such part of the troops on Galveston Island as Brig. Gen'l Hawes shall direct, on Friday, the 3rd day of March next.

The proceedings and findings of the Court in the case of Private J. J. L. Hollander, Co. B. Exempt Battalion, are approved. The sentence is disapproved and remitted, and the prisoner will be released from confinement and returned to duty with his company.

The proceedings, findings and sentences of the General Court Martial in the cases of Capt. J. I. McGinnis and Lt. Reeves, 2d Reg't Texas Infantry, are approved. They cease to be officers of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States from this date. They will be conscripted by the commanding officer of their Regiment with such company of the Regiment as he may direct.

The proceedings, findings and sentence of the General Court Martial in the case of Capt. W. Spaulding Good, Artillery and Ordnance Officer, P. A. C. S., are approved and confirmed; he ceases to be an officer of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States from this date.

The proceedings and findings of the General Court Martial, in the case of Sergeant J. B. Price, Commissary 8th Regiment Texas Infantry, are approved. The sentence is approved so far as relates to his making good the property stolen or embezzled, and his pay and allowances will be stopped until such repayment is made at schedule prices. The latter part of the sentence of the Court is awarded in such unusual and extraordinary language, as to leave the Maj. Gen. Com'dg under the impression that the court is ignorant of the main difference between an enlisted man and a commissioned officer. It is the first instance on record where a General Court Martial has dismissed an enlisted man from the service as a punishment for an established offence.

The constant effort of many soldiers *in* the service to get *out* of it, through writs of *habeas corpus*, pleas of alienage, of minority, &c., leads one to believe that crime would become alarmingly prevalent if it is to be *punished* by dismissal from the service. Therefore, it is ordered that the sentence in this case, except as to the restitution to be made by the prisoner, be remitted, and he be reduce

to the ranks, as a private soldier, and returned to duty in his original company. The proceedings and findings in the case of Capt. D. H. Lewis, 20th Texas Infantry, are approved; but the sentence being shamefully inadequate the gravity of the offence, is remitted.

It would, perhaps, be impossible to find another Court Martial within the limits of the Confederacy so regardless of the obligation of their oath, or so erroneous a judgment, as to record a sentence of reprimand only against a soldier found guilty of consuming, as fuel, the palisades of a Fort he was placed to defend, with his life if necessary. The General Court Martial, of which Col. Ireland is President, is hereby dissolved, and the members will report to their respective commands for duty.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER.

GEO. A. THORNTON,

Capt. & A. I. G.

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Head Quarters, District Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Mar. 2d, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 9.

I. At a General Court Martial convened at Houston, Texas, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 47, paragraph VIII, from these Head Quarters, dated Feb'y 16th, 1865, of which Col. T. Scott Anderson, is President, was arraigned and tried,

1st. Private R. Waters, of Hughes' Battery of Light Artillery, upon the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that private R. Waters, of Capt. R. J. Hughes' Battery Light Artillery, did, on or about the night of February, 6th, 1865, desert from his company at Camp Sidney Johnson, and attempt to make his escape to the enemy, but was arrested while attempting to go to sea out of the mouth of the San Bernard river, on the morning of Feb. 8th, 1865. All this in the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, Texas.

CHARGE 2d—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.*

Specification.—It this, that private R. Waters, of Capt. Hughes' Battery of Light Artillery, did, during the night of Feb. 6th, 1865, in company with privates Crawford and Stafford of said Battery, steal one boat, lettered "L. G. S.," which was in the Bernard river, the property of Col. J. Bates, in which he was arrested while attempting to escape to the enemy, at or near the mouth of the Bernard river, on the morning of February 8th, 1865. All this in the county of Brazoria, Texas.

To all of which the accused plead Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification of 1st Charge,	- - -	Guilty
excepting the words "to the enemy."		
Of the 1st Charge,	- - -	Guilty
Of the 1st Specification of 2d Charge,	- - -	Guilty
excepting the words "to the enemy."		
Of 2d Charge,	- - -	Guilty,

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the accused, private R. Waters, of Capt. R. J. Hughes' Battery Light Artillery, to be shot to death with musketry, two-thirds of the Court concurring therein. The sentence of the Court to be carried into effect at such time and place as the Major General Commanding shall designate.

2nd. Private James M. Stafford, of Capt. R. J. Hughes' Battery Light Artillery, upon the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st.—*Desertion.*

Specification.—In this, that private James M. Stafford, of Captain R. J. Hughes' Battery Light Artillery, did, on or about the night of Feb. 6th, 1865, desert from his company at Camp Sidney Johnson, Matagorda county, Texas, and attempted to make his escape to the enemy, but was arrested while endeavoring to go out of the mouth of the San Bernard river, on the morning of February 8th, 1865. All this in the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, Texas.

Charge 2d—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and Military Discipline.*

Specification.—In this, that private James M. Stafford, of Hughes' Battery

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Light Artillery, did, on the night of February 6th, 1865, desert from his company, having in his possession one Colt's pistol, army size, which had been placed in his charge, the property of the Confederate States; and did, also, on the same night, in company with privates A. C. Crawford and R. Waters, of Hughes' Battery, steal, in the Bernard river, one boat lettered "L. G. S.," the property of Colonel Bates, in which he attempted to make his escape to the enemy, and in which he was arrested while making the said attempt, at or near the mouth of the Bernard river, on the morning of the 8th of Feb., 1865. All this in the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, Texas.

To all of which the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the 1st Specification of 1st Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
excepting the words "to the enemy,"	
Of the 1st Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
Of the 1st Specification, of 2d Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
excepting the words "to the enemy."	
Of the 2d Charge, - - - - -	Guilty

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the accused, private James M. Stafford of Capt. R. J. Hughes' Battery of Light Artillery, to be shot to death with musketry, two-thirds of the court concurring therein. The sentence to be carried into effect at such time and place as the Maj. Gen. Commanding shall designate.

3d. Private William Barnes, of Co. F, Spaight's Reg't, T. V. I., upon the following charge and specification,

Charge.—*Beginning a Mutiny.*

Specification.—In this, that the said private, Wm. Barnes, of Co. F, Spaight's Reg't, T. V. I., did, at Camp Lubbock, near the city of Houston, Texas, on the 11th day of Feb., A. D., 1865, encourage, excite and urge the enlisted men of said Regiment to rise against the authority of their Commanding Officers, and forcibly proceed to the Post Commissary Store house, in the city of Houston, and take possession of and appropriate to their own use, coffee, flour and other Government stores, and said private Wm. Barnes, together with four other enlisted men of said Regiment, did, then and there, assemble upon the Parade Ground, at Camp Lubbock, for the mutinous purpose aforesaid.

To all of which the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - -	Guilty,
excepting the words "eleventh," and "urge," also, the word "four."	
Of the Charge, - - - - -	Guilty.

And the court do, therefore, sentence the accused, private William Barnes, to thirty days confinement in the Provost Marshal's Guard House, in the city of Houston, Texas.

4th. Private Henry Barrow, of Co. F, Spaight's Regiment, Texas Infantry, upon the following charge and specification:

Charge.—*Beginning a Mutiny.*

Specification.—In this, that said private Henry Barrow, Co. F, Spaight's Regiment, T. V. I., did, at Camp Lubbock, near the city of Houston, Texas, on the 11th day of February, 1865, encourage, excite and urge the enlisted men of said Regiment to rise against the authority of their Commanding Officers, and forcibly proceed to the Post Commissary Store-house, in the city of Houston, and take possession of and appropriate to their own use, coffee, flour and other Government stores; and said Henry Barrow, together with four other enlisted men of said Regiment, did, then and there, assemble upon the Parade Ground, at Camp Lubbock, for the mutinous purpose aforesaid.

To all of which the accused pleaded Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of the Charge, - - - - -	Guilty
except the words, "and urge."	

Of the Charge,

Guilty.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said private, Henry Barrow, to wear a flour barrel shirt six hours per day, for twenty days, and to be paraded up Main Street, Houston, to the tap of the drum, twice a week, with the prisoner A. B. Flowers, in charge of a guard, and wearing the aforesaid barrel shirt.

5th. Private A. B. Flowers, of Co. H, Spaight's Reg't Texas Infantry, upon the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Beginning a Mutiny.*

Specification—In this, that said private A. B. Flowers, of Co. H, Spaight's Reg't Tex. Inf'y, did, at Camp Lubbock, near the city of Houston, Texas, on the 11th day of Feb'y, 1865, encourage, excite and urge the enlisted men of said Regiment to rise against the authority of their commanding officers, and did then and there encourage, excite and urge the enlisted men of said Regiment to forcibly proceed to the Post Commissary store house, in the city of Houston, and take possession of and appropriate to their own use, coffee, flour, and other Government stores; and the said private A. B. Flowers did then and there, to-wit: at Camp Lubbock, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M. beat the drum as a signal previously agreed upon for the enlisted men of said Regiment to "fall in," for the purpose aforesaid, and about six of the enlisted men of said Regiment were, in fact, encouraged, excited and induced by said private A. B. Flowers to "fall in," for the mutinous purpose aforesaid.

CHARGE 2d—*Joining in a Mutiny.*

Specification—In this, that said private A. B. Flowers, of Co. H, Spaight's Reg't Tex. Inf'ty, did, at Camp Lubbock, near the city of Houston, Texas, on the 11th day of February, 1865, join in with musician N. G. King, of Co. K, and privates Henry Barrow, John Barrow and Wm. Barnes, of Co. F, Spaight's Reg't, and did then and there, together with the enlisted men aforesaid, at the sound of the drum, that being the signal previously agreed upon, assemble upon the parade ground, at Camp Lubbock aforesaid, for the purpose of forcibly proceeding to the Post Commissary store house, in the city of Houston, and pillaging said store house.

To all of which the accused pleaded, Not Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of the Specification of 1st Charge, Guilty
excepting the word "six."

Of the 1st Charge, Guilty

Of the Specification of 2d Charge, Guilty
omitting the words, "Musician N. G. King, of Co. K, and Henry Barrow, John Barrow and Wm. Barnes, of Co. F."

Of the 2d Charge, Guilty

And the Court do therefore sentence said private A. B. Flowers to wear a flour barrel shirt six hours per day for thirty days, with the word "Mutiny" inscribed on it in large letters, and under that, prominently placed, the words "Fall in," and that the prisoner be paraded up Main Street, Houston, twice a week at the tap of the drum, (in charge of a guard,) wearing his said shirt.

II. Also, before a General Court Martial, convened at Galveston, Texas, by virtue of Special Order, No. 7, Paragraph II, series of 1865, from these Head Quarters, of which Lt. Col. John Ireland is President, was arraigned and tried:

1st. Private J. K. P. Ridgway, of Co. C, Timmons' Reg't, upon the following charges and specifications:

CHARGE 1st—*Desertion.*

Specification—In this, that the said private J. K. P. Ridgway, of Co. C, Timmons' Reg't, did, on the night of the 30th Sept., 1864, at Fort Randall, Mud Island, Texas, desert the service of the Confederate States from his company and command, and remained absent without leave and without the intention of returning, from said date until the 28th day of Nov., 1864.

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Charge 2d—*Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.*

Specification—In this, that the said private J. K. P. Ridgway, of Co Timmons' Reg't, did take and appropriate to his own use, one gun (Enfield R and accoutrements, retaining the same during his absence—specified in 1st s cification 1st charge—the gun and accoutrements being the property of the C federate States. This at place and date above mentioned.

To the 1st charge and specification the accused pleaded, Not Guilty. To second charge and specification, Guilty.

Finding and sentence of the Court:

Of Specification to Charge 1st, *Guilty*
with the exception of the words "and without the intention of returning,"
Of Charge 1st, *Not Guilty*
but guilty of absence without leave.

Of the Specification to Charge 2d, *Guilty*
Of Charge 2d, *Guilty*

And the Court do therefore sentence the said J. K. P. Ridgway to hard w on the fortifications, at Battery Rogers, on Galveston Island, for four months, der the supervision of the commander of the troops at that point. During whole time he shall wear a chain upon his leg.

III. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of privates Waters and J. M. Stafford, of Hughes' Battery Light Artillery, are approved confirmed, and the sentence of death will be carried into effect at Velasco, Tex between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M., on Friday the 10th of March proxin and Col. J. Bates is directed to give the necessary orders.

IV. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of privates A Flowers, Co. H, Henry Barrow and Wm Barnes, Co. F, Spaight's Reg't, private J. K. P. Ridgway, Co. C, Timmons' Reg't, are approved and confirm The sentences of privates Flowers, Barrow and Barnes will be carried into eff by the commanding officer of Spaight's Regiment. The sentence of priv Ridgway will be carried into effect by the commanding officer at Galveston.

BY COMMAND OF

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER.

GEO. A. THORNTON,

Capt. & A. I. Gen'l

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November March 1st 1865

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Providence to Spel Orders, A.S.G.'s Office, Richmond, Va.,
herein enumerated, the following named Officers will have their names
dropped from the Rolls, for prolonged absence from duty without
leave; and will cease to be Officers of the C.S. Army at the date
opposite their names:

Capt John R. White, Co E, 6th Tex. Inf. S.O. No 261, Nov 22/64
Capt M. E. Bradford, Co F, do do do - do no 261, do do
1st Lt E. Marks, Co B, do do do - do " 271, Nov 14/64
1st Lt Henry Burns, Co K, do do do - do " 282, Nov 28 "
Capt S. W. McAlister, Co K, do do do - do " " , " " "
1st Lt W. Tom, Co H, do do do - do " " , " " "
2^d Lt J. M. Medlin, " " , do do do - do " " , " " "
2^d Lt L. P. Matthews, Co F, do do do - do 283, Nov 29 "
1st Lt B. F. Church, " " , " " " - " " , " " "
2^d Lt J. L. Branch, Co C, " " " - " 301, Dec 20 - "
Capt E. A. McCorkle, Co C, " " " - " " , " " "

The resignation of Res. Buckner Harris, Chap^l 6th Tex Inf
has been accepted by the Pres^t, to take effect Oct 28/64 by S.O.
No 257, A.S.G.O. Richmond.

It is to be hoped that in this dest will be good accordingly.
My comd g. S. B. Davis aca.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, MARCH 14, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

I. § 1.—All Officers having detailed soldiers in their employ, will furnish weekly, to the Commanding Officer of the Post at which they are stationed, a list of detailed enlisted men serving with them. This list will show the name, rank, company, regiment, by whose order, and for what period detailed, date of order, and the nature of the service the soldier is performing. At the bottom of such lists the officer will make a certificate to this effect: "I certify, on honor, that the above list contains a correct statement of all the detailed men subject to my control, and that the men named therein are honestly and faithfully in the discharge of the duties for which they were detailed, and that their services are necessary for the public service, with the following exceptions:?" (Here will follow a list of those no longer necessary, who neglect their duties, or who are otherwise employed than as contemplated in the order of detail.)

§ 2.—Post Commanders are required to forward on or before the 4th of every month to Capt. J. A. GALT, A. I. G., at these Head Quarters, a consolidated list of all detailed men serving at their Posts, with a certificate to this effect: "I certify, on honor, that according to the best of my knowledge and belief, the detailed men at this Post are honestly and faithfully in the discharge of the duties for which they were detailed, with the following exceptions:?" (Here give names, rank, company, regiment, to whom detailed, for what purpose, and how employed.)

At points where there are no Post Commanders, the reports required in this order will be made by officers having detailed men in their employ, direct to Capt. J. A. GALT, A. I. G., giving the certificate required in section 1 of this order.

§ 3. It is hereby made the duty of Post Commanders to exercise a strict supervision over Post Quartermasters and Post Commissaries, and other officers having detailed men in their service, in regard to the proper employment of such men and negroes in Government service, and to apply promptly the remedy necessary for the correction of abuses, reporting specially all abuses and misapplications that may come to their knowledge.

§ 4. Commandants of Posts and officers of the Staff departments making the reports required in Sec. 2 of this order will give the name, rank, company and regiment of all commissioned officers on or off duty at their posts or stations, or their vicinity; if on duty, the nature of the duty, by whose order, date of order, and whether now in the discharge of the duties for which they were ordered to said post or station; and, if not on duty, by what authority they are absent from their commands.

§ 5. A duplicate of the foregoing reports will be forwarded to the Head Quarters of the Sub District in which the post is situated, and any officer failing to make the reports required herein, will, if subject to the orders of the District Commander, be placed in arrest, and charges for disobedience of orders preferred against him.

II. The failure of officers of the Commissary Department, having in charge the hides of slaughtered animals, to take the necessary precautions to preserve and make the disposition of them required, has been the subject of much complaint, and in future the instructions contained in Paragraph II, General Orders No. 64, Paragraph II, General Orders No. 101, series of 1862; Paragraph III, General Orders No. 34, and Paragraph IV, General Orders No. 119, series of 1863, A. & I. General's Office, will be strictly complied with, and all commanding officers are required to see that these orders are fully carried out.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

WM. A. SMITH,

A. A. Gen'l.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, MARCH 21ST, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

The following named Officers,

Captain JOHN P. WHITE, Sixth Texas Infantry,
Captain H. E. BRADFORD, " " "
Captain E. A. McCORKLE, " " "
Captain S. W. McALLISTER, " " "
1st Lieut. HOUSTON TOM, " " "
1st Lieut. B. F. CHURCH, " " "
1st Lieut. HENRY BURNS, " " "
2d Lieut. J. L. BRANCH, " " "
2d Lieut. WM. MEDLIN, " " "
2d Lieut. L. T. MATHVIN, " " "

Having shown to the satisfaction of the Major-General Commanding that they were ordered to this side of the Mississippi River by competent military authority, and that since their arrival in this District, in obedience to their orders, they have been constantly on duty, representations to that effect will be made to the War Department to have them reinstated. It is, therefore, ordered that General Order, No. 10, March 1st, 1865, from these Head Quarters, be suspended, in so far as regards them, till further orders.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. G. WALKER,

SAMUEL BOYER DAVIS,

Capt. & A. A. Gen'l.

ing in this order shall be construed as limiting the number upon Medical Certificates of Disability.

geon C. M. Taylor, P. A. C. S., is announced as Medical Director of General Hospitals, for the Trans-Mississippi Department.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 4, 1865.

General Orders, } No. 17. }

I. The following general system of furloughs, is adopted for the troops serving in the field in this Department, and will not be suspended except by authority of the Department Commander :

1st. Each company will be entitled to furloughs for ten per cent. of its "total present for duty"—this total to include extra duty men present with the Brigade or Division. Applications under this paragraph, will show the actual condition of the company as to the members present and absent. The men now absent on furlough of indulgence, will be included in this per centage.

2nd. The length of these furloughs shall be determined by the distance to be traveled. In each case, the soldier will be given twenty days at home, and one day additional for each twenty-five miles to be traveled, in going from and returning to camp.

3rd. Soldiers furloughed under this order who remain away from their commands beyond the time granted, will be borne upon the company records for twenty days as absent without leave, during which time the company will not be entitled to the furlough privilege. At the expiration of the twenty days they will be dropped from the rolls as deserters. Failing to return, immediately upon the termination of the furlough, charges will be preferred against them and punishment inflicted, unless the delay be satisfactorily accounted for.

4th. Furloughs will be granted by division commanders, and will show upon their face, that they are granted under the provisions of this order.

5th. Nothing in this order shall be construed as limiting the number of furloughs upon Medical Certificates of Disability.

II. Surgeon C. M. Taylor, P. A. C. S., is announced as Medical Director of General Hospitals, for the Trans-Mississippi Department.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Head Quarters, District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

Austin, Mich 29th, 1864.

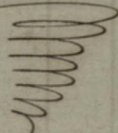
In circulating General Orders No 17 current series from Dept, Hd Qrs, establishing & regulating a system of furloughs for this Dept, I am instructed by the Maj Genl Comd to say, that in forwarding applications for furloughs under that order, a note will be made in the application, of the distance the soldier can travel by rail road; & that portion of the order which allows one day for each twenty-five miles to be traveled, will not apply to those who can travel by rail, but only the actual time consumed upon the rail road will be allowed them.

Company Commanders will be required to state in each application, the number of men they have absent both with & without leave, & also will make the required certificate properly accounting for the arms & accoutrements of the soldier applying for furlough.

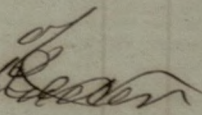
No other applications for furlough than those made under this order will be entertained, as the system adopted, - furloughing one in every ten, is considered sufficiently liberal.

By Command of
Maj Genl Walker
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Vice Pres. Court of Texas &c.
Houston, Mich 27/65

General Orders 
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During the temporary
absence of Maj. W. H. H. H. H.
Proost & Marshall General
Capt. H. B. Muller, A. J. Genl
is announced as Acting Pro-
roost Marshal General, and will
be obliged and respected ac-
cordingly.

By Command of
Maj. Genl. 
(sic) W. A. Smith,
A. J. Genl.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, APRIL 4TH, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 14. }

In pursuance of instructions from Department Head Quarters, Major-General J. B. MAGRUDER assumes command of the District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Commanding Officers of Corps and Divisions (Cavalry or Infantry), Sub-Districts, Posts, separate Brigades, Regiments, Battalions, or detached Companies, will immediately, on the reception of this Order, report by letter, through the proper channels, to these Head Quarters, designating the station and locality of their commands, their approximate effective force, the number armed and unarmed, the number of rounds of ammunition per man, or, in artillery, per piece, and the quantity and condition of transportation in each command.

The Medical Director, Chief Quartermaster and Chief Commissary, will also send in reports of the quantity and locality of the supplies in their respective Departments.

The following Officers are announced upon the Staff of the Major-General Commanding the District :

Lieut. Col. T. SCOTT ANDERSON, P. A. C. S., Acting Inspector General;
Lieut. Col. THOMAS M. JACK, Assistant Adjutant General;
Major MANNING M. KIMMEL, P. A. C. S., Acting Assistant Adjutant and Inspector General;
Capt. EDMUND P. TURNER, Assistant Adjutant General;
Capt. STEPHEN D. YANCEY, Assistant Adjutant General;
Major GEORGE A. MAGRUDER, Chief of Artillery;
Major H. WILKE, Chief of Ordnance.

Captains W. A. SMITH and A. H. MAY, Assistant Adjutants General, and Captains J. A. GALT and G. A. THORNTON, Acting Assistant Inspectors General, are relieved from duty, and will report to Major-General J. G. WALKER.

Major WM. M. STONE, Chief Quartermaster, will continue temporarily on duty; and all other Officers of the District Staff will remain on duty until further orders.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. B. MAGRUDER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,

Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

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Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, APRIL 7TH, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

A vicious habit of buying, selling and transferring furloughs has obtained, is represented in some of the organizations now serving in this District.

Every soldier now absent on any such furlough will return immediately his command, or be arrested as a deserter.

Hereafter Officers, of whatever grade, are prohibited from giving their consent, in any way, to such buying, selling, or transfers of furloughs, and will be tried for disobedience of orders, if they are privy to any such arrangements, and do not use their best efforts to prevent them; and all soldiers are prohibited from leaving their camp, garrison, or quarters, on any furlough except such as are given to them individually—each furlough contain a descriptive list and an account of pay, clothing, rations, &c., of the soldier furloughed, and where the man bearing the furlough does not respond in his personal appearance with the description in his furlough, every Officer and Soldier is ordered to arrest the bearer of such furlough as deserter, and to turn him over to the nearest command.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. B. MAGRUDER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,

Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, APRIL 8TH, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

I. Captain GEORGE P. FINLAY, P. A. C. S., is hereby announced on the Staff of the Major-General Commanding as Judge Advocate of the District, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. All Officers of this District, in command of Posts or Stations, will furnish to these Head Quarters, without delay, a complete list of all Officers on duty at their Posts or Stations, showing the status of each individual Officer, including themselves.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. B. MAGRUDER,

E. P. TURNER,

Capt. & A. A. Gen'l.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, APRIL 11TH, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 17.

Major R. P. ROWLEY, P. A. C. S., having been assigned to duty at Head Quarters as Chief Engineer of the District, by orders from the same Head Quarters, Brigadier-General P. O. HEBERT is relieved as Engineer.

Lieut. W. B. MURDOCH will continue on Engineer duty until further orders.

Lieut. ROBT. J. SAMUELS, 20th Texas Infantry, is temporarily assigned to duty as Acting Assistant Adjutant General on the Staff of the Major-General Commanding.

By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. B. MAGRUDER,

STEPHEN D. YANCEY,

Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

Quarters, Dist of Texas, &c.
Houston, April 17th 1865.

General Orders,
No. 18.

Maj. Thomas Lanigan
is announced as Chief
Commissary of the District
Texas, New Mexico & Arizona.

By command of
Maj. Genl. Magruder.

(Sd) Stephen D. Hancey
A. U. S.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

GALVESTON, TEXAS, APRIL 20TH, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19.

Lieut. SAMUEL L. SMITH is hereby announced as Aid-de-Camp to the
Major-General Commanding, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

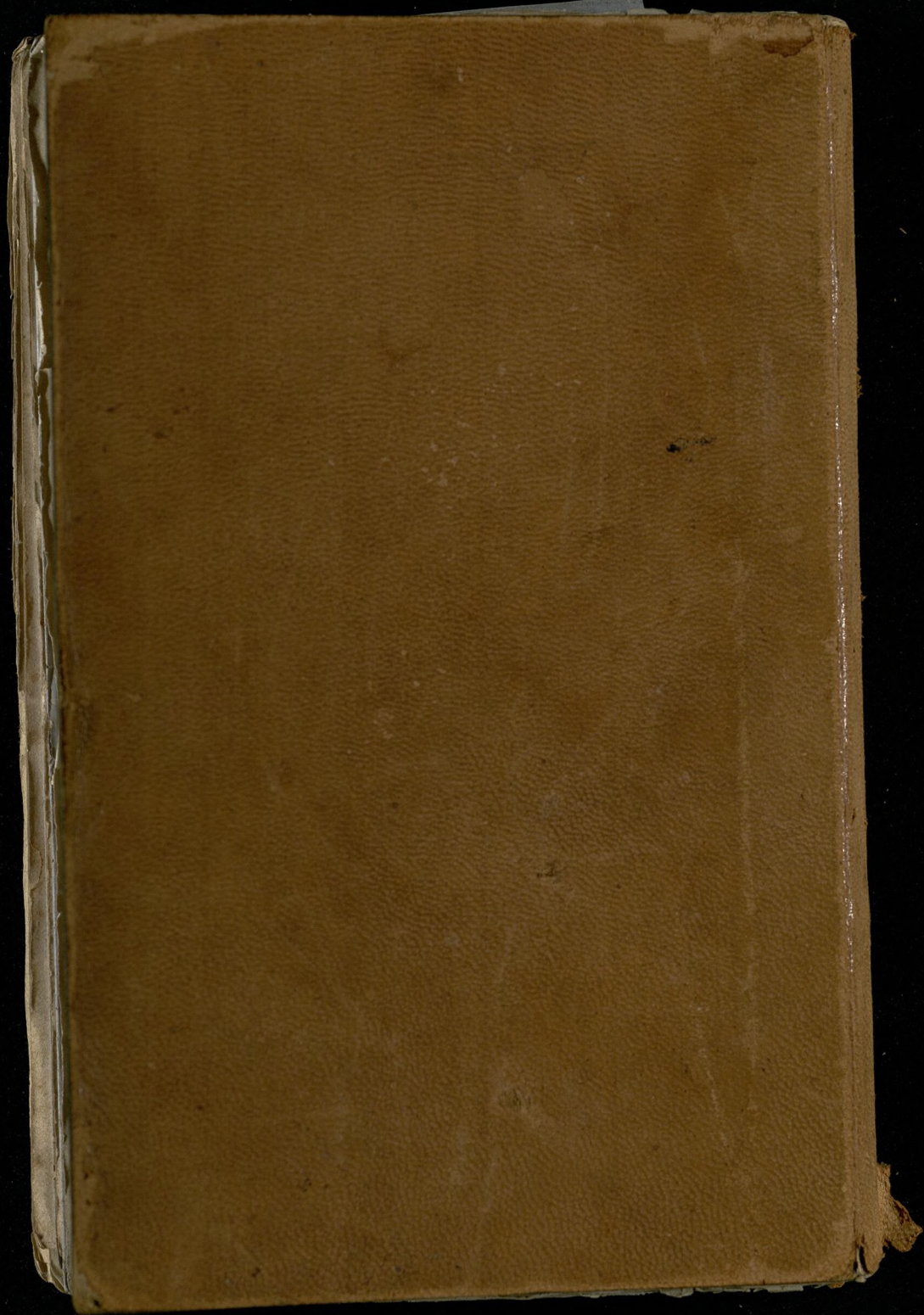
By Command of

Maj. Gen. J. B. MAGRUDER,

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