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IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION by THE PRESIDENT.

I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy thereof, do hereby proclaim and declare that hereafter, as heretofre, the war will be prosecuted for the object of practically restoring the constitutional relation between the United States and the people thereof, in which States that relation is, or may be, suspended or disturbed; that it is my purpose, upon the next meeting of Congress, to again recommend the adoption of a practical measure tendering pecuniary aid to the free acceptance, rejection of all the slave States so called. the people whereof may not then be in rebellion against the United States, and which States may then have voluntarily adopted or thereafter may voluntarily adopt, the immediate or gradual abolishment of slavery within their respective limits; and that the effort to colonize persons of African descent, with their consent, upon this continent or elsewhere, with the previously-obtained consent of the governments existing there, will be coptinued ; that on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State, or any designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be thenceforth and forever free, and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them in any efforts they may make for their actual' freedcm; that the Executive will, on the first of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof respectively shall then be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that any State, or the people thereof shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof have not been in rebeilion against the United States.

That attention is hereby called to an act of Congress entitled " An act to make an additional article of war," approved March 13. 1861, and which act is in the words and fig- be only too happy to find that no harm has ures following :

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That hereafter the following shall be promulgated as an additional article of war, for the government of the army of the United States, and shall be ter in regard to the immediate emancipation obeyed and observed as such :

Article. All officers or persons in the military or naval service of the United States are prohibited from employing any of the forces under their respective commands for the purpose of returning fugitives from service or la- prove equally void of practical effect, we are bor, who may have escaped from any persons to whom such labor is claimed to be due, and



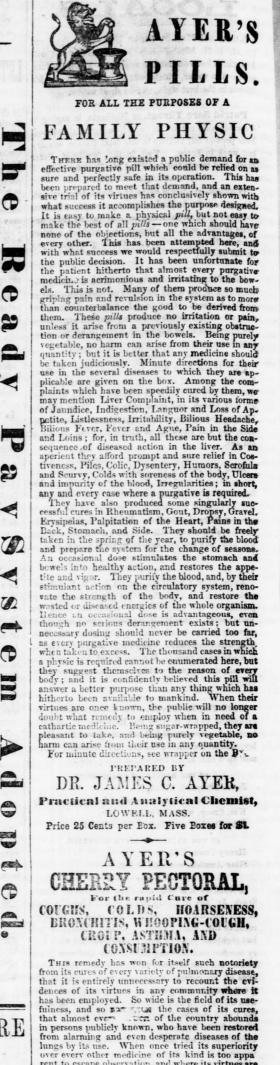
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court-martial of violating this article shall be dismissed from the service

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That this act shall take effect from and after its Dassage

act entitled " An act to suppress insurrection, to punish treason and rebellion, to seize and confiscate the property of rebels, and for othwhich sections are in the words and figures following :

engaged in rebellion against the Government of the United States, or who shall in any way give aid or comfort thereto, escaping of calculation or forecast by any intelligence from such persons and taking refuge within the lines of the army ; and all slaves captured from such persons or dserted by them and coming under the control of the Government of the United States; and all slaves of such persons found on (or being within) any place shall be deemed captures of war, and shall be forever free of their servitude and not again held as slaves.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted. That no slave escaping into any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, from any of the States, shall be delivered up, or in any way arime or some offence against the laws, unless the person claiming said fugitive shall first Bor on service of such fugitive is alleged to be amns against the United States in the present rebellion, nor in any way given aid and comfort thereto; and no person engaged in the military or naval service of the United States shall under any pretence whatever, assume to decide on the validity of the claim of any person to the service or labor of any other person, or surrender up any such person to the claimant, on pain of being dismiss od from the service.

And I do hereby enjoin upon and order all persons engaged in the military and naval ser-vice of the United States, to observe, obey and enforce, within their respective spheres of service, the act and sections above recited.

And the Executive will in due time recommend that all citizens of the United States who shall have remained loyal thereto throughout the rebellion, shall (upon the restoration of the constitutional relation between the United States, and their respective States and people, if the relation shall have been sus pended or disturbed) be compensated for all losses by acts of the United States, including the loss of slaves.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twensixty two, and of the Independance of the United States the eighty-seventh. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President, WM. H. SEWARD, Seretary of State.

has taken, this method to cenvince the only any officer who shall be found guilty by a class of persons likely to be pleased with this proclamation, of the utter fallacy of the hopes they have founded upon it.

[From the National Intelligencer.]

THE PRESIDENT'S EMANCIPATION.

Opinions of the Press Concerning It.

[From the Constitutional Union.]

movement on the part of President Lincoln,

has cast a deep gloom over the spirits of all

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This opinion, we may add, derives confirmation from the fact that he suspends for some months the enforcement of so much of his dec Also, to the ninth and tenth sections of an laration as denounces the emancipation of slaves in punishment for contumacy on the

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part of the insurgent States, while he gives immediate force and effect, so far as force and er purposes," approved July 17, 1862, and effect result from proclamations, to the regulations prescribed by the new article of war and the provisions of the confiscation act in SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the matter of slaves. On any other theory all slaves of persons who shall hereafter be than this the proclamation may be said to Leave Junction open issues too tremendous, and to be fraught

with consequences too undveloped, to admit we can command.

[From the New York World.]

This new proclamation really amounts to little. The President proclaims, in substance that on the first of next January he will issue still another proclamation, putting in force the occupied by rebel forces of the United States, main provisions of the confiscation act. It is unbecoming the dignity of a great Government to make such menaces as to what it will

hereafter do in territory of which a powerful armed foe disputes the jurisdiction. If, on the first of next January, the war is substantially ended, there would be some reason in giving the insurgents their election between impeded or hindered of his liberty, except for submission and civil penalties. But they will laugh such offers to scorn so long as they can confront us with great armies. That part make oath that the person to whom the la- of the proclamation which relates to slaves & B. R. R. cars at Set coming within our lines is particularly weak. For Jessup, Archba aue, is his lawful owner, and has not been in The law is the same that it was several months ago. If a proclamation on this point ion to the radical clamor.

[From the New York Herald]

The gravity of this proclamation will strike every one. It hastbeen forced upon the nation by the Abolitionists of the North and the secessionists of the South. It inaugurates an overwhelming revolution in the system of labor in a vast and important agricultural section of the country, which will, if the rebels persist in their course, suddenly emancipate three or four millions of human beings, and Arrives at Scranton. throw them, in the fullness of their helplessness and ignorance, upon their own resources and the wisdom of the white race to properly regulate and care for them in their new condition of life. But the importance of this great social revolution will not be confined to the section where the black race now forms the chief laboring element. It will have an influence on the labor of the North and West. It will, to a certain extent, bring the ty-second day of September, in the year of black labor of the South in competition with oua Lord, One thousand eight hundred and the white labor on the extensive grain farms the white labor on the extensive grain farms of the West, unless the existing stringent laws of some of the Western States, confining the negro to his present geographical position are adopted in all the other free States.

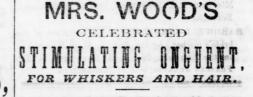
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