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HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
GENERAL ORDERS, } *New Orleans, La., August 12th. 1865.*
No. 44. }

The attention of Commanding Officers of Posts is respectfully called to the strictest economy in the expenditure of public property; the abuses heretofore existing in the expenditure of lumber (a very costly article at this time) must cease.

Existing Orders, requiring that no barracks or other buildings be erected without the approval of the proper authority, and that plans and estimates must be submitted before such authority can be given, must be strictly conformed to.

No lumber will be furnished for the building of barracks, quarters or huts at places where troops are thrown out for mere temporary occupation. It is the duty of the local Commanders in all such situations, and wherever quarters are not furnished, to see that the troops are made comfortable, and are protected from the heat of the sun, by erecting arbors over the tents; and, where it is considered necessary to erect huts, they must be built of logs and such other material as the woods and swamps of the vicinity will furnish, and by the labor of the troops.

II. When huts or other quarters become vacated at any Post or Camp by the withdrawal of a portion of the troops, the Commanding Officer will see that they are preserved for future use, as well as other lumber that may have been in the use of said departed troops.

The waste of lumber in this sense has heretofore been excessive and without excuse.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL T. W. SHERMAN.

B. B. CAMPBELL,

Captain, Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.