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GENERAL ORDERS, }

HEADQUARTERS,

No. 28.

DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA,

New Orleans, La., August 8, 1865.

The following order of the War Department is re-published for the information and guidance of this command:

"GENERAL ORDERS, }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

No. 129.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 25, 1865.

To secure equal justice and the same personal liberty to the freedmen as to other citizens and inhabitants, all orders issued by post, district, or other commanders, adopting any system of passes for them or subjecting them to any restraints or punishments not imposed on other classes, are declared void.

Neither whites nor blacks will be restrained from seeking employment elsewhere when they cannot obtain it at a just compensation at their homes, and when not bound by voluntary agreement; nor will they be hindered from travelling from place to place on proper and legitimate business.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

(Signed,)

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General."

BY ORDER OF MAJOR-GENERAL E. R. S. CANBY:

WICKHAM HOFFMAN,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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