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Prisoners in confinement to be released and mustered out.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,
CIRCULAR, } NEW ORLEANS, LA., *June 29, 1865.*
No. 16. }

Commanding Officers of all military prisons within the Department, will immediately upon the receipt of this Circular, institute an investigation into the cases of all prisoners in their charge, who are undergoing sentences of imprisonment for terms extending beyond their enlistments. Where the circumstances of the case are such as would warrant a recommendation for pardon, the prisoner will be released from confinement, and forwarded to the Chief Mustering Officer of his State, to be mustered out of the service, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with existing orders. A special report will be made to these Headquarters in each case, and a copy of the order will be sent in each case, direct to the Adjutant General of the Army.

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

J. SCHUYLER CROSBY,
B't Lt. Col., A. D. C., Acting Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

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