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HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, GENERAL ORDERS, No. 50.

Commanding Officers of all Posts and Stations north of New Orleans and west of the Mississippi river will, until further orders, make a succinet Weekly Report (on Saturdays) to these Headquarters, of all events of note which have transpired during the week; said reports will be expected to convey a correct idea of the loyal or political state of the population; the progress being made in the reestablishment of civil authority; the progress of assimilation between the parties formerly hostile, and to what extent, generally, the inhabitants are co-operating with the authorities in the establishment of the new order of things.

These reports will also state how far the colored population are carrying out the views of the Government in bending to constant employment and industry, and laying the groundwork of their future welfare; or how far they are disposed to be idle and dissolute.

The report will be accompanied with any suggestions bearing upon these topics that may be useful for these or superior Headquarters.

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

B. B. CAMPBELL,

Captain, Assistant Adjutant General.

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