

In testimony 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 twenty-ninth day of August, in the [L. s.] year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

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No. 49.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: October 12, 1865.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by a Proclamation of the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the President of the United States, when the civil war was flagrant, and when combinations were in progress in Kentucky for the purpose of inciting insurgent raids into that state, directed that the Proclamation suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus should be made effectual in Kentucky, and that martial law should be established there, and continue until said proclamation should be revoked or modified; and whereas since then the danger from insurgent raids into Kentucky has substantially passed away:

Preamble.

*Ante*, p. 742.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution, do hereby declare that the said Proclamation of the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall be, and is hereby, modified, in so far that martial law shall be no longer in force in Kentucky from and after the date hereof.

Martial law to be no longer in force in Kentucky.

In testimony 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 twelfth day of October, in the year [L. s.] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

W. HUNTER, *Acting Secretary of State.*

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No. 50.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: October 28, 1865.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God, during the year which is now coming to an end, to relieve our beloved country from the fearful scourge of civil war, and to permit us to secure the blessings of peace, unity, and harmony, with a great enlargement of civil liberty;

Preamble.

And whereas our Heavenly Father has also, during the year, graciously averted from us the calamities of foreign war, pestilence, and famine, while our granaries are full of the fruits of an abundant season;

And whereas righteousness exalteth a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, do hereby recommend to the people thereof that they do set apart and observe the first Thursday of December next as a day of national thanksgiving to the Creator of the universe for these great deliverances and blessings.

Day of national thanksgiving appointed.

And I do further recommend that on that occasion the whole people make confession of our national sins against His infinite goodness, and with one