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OF THE
UNION AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES.

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expires the 16th of July. You cannot detain them longer. Indeed, it was an act of power, the exercise of which is only justified by public necessities, to keep them fifteen months when they only volunteered for twelve, and when the conscript law entitled them to their discharge as being over age. Now, where will be your conscripts from Louisiana on the 16th of July? Not one of them will be at Corinth. Foreseeing and fearing this result I telegraphed the President from Camp Moore on May 9:

Please supply the camps with tents, provisions, and a commandant. I am without a gun, without a tent, and all my stores wasted by the disorganized troops or in possession of the Confederate quartermaster.

If, therefore, the conscripts do not reach you in good time, this letter will exhibit to you the cause.

I am, very truly, &c.,

THO. O. MOORE,
Governor, &c.

[15.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Opelousas, La., June 13, 1862.

G. W. RANDOLPH,
Secretary of War, Richmond:

SIR: It has been impossible to comply with your regulation requiring permission to raise partisan rangers to be obtained from you through the commanding general of the department. General Lovell is east of the Mississippi River, and never has been on this side, where the largest part of his department is. The difficulty of communication is very great. Nearly the whole of my State is west of the river. Nine-tenths of the partisans will come from this side. To have waited, therefore, for the applications to cross to General Lovell, receive his approval, and be sent to you and your answer returned, would have been to delay until the enrollment of conscripts was complete, after which time, as I construe the law, conscripts are not permitted to join even the partisans. I have therefore been compelled by the necessity of the case to grant authorizations, and herewith inclose a list of those granted by me. You are aware we have no troops in Louisiana. There is not a Confederate officer within her limits, and I have only between 1,000 and 2,000 militia in the lower parishes under command of my most intelligent brigadier, General Pratt, who is in some measure stopping the bands of marauding Federals from their incursions of incendiarism. I have suggested to the President that a literal enforcement of the conscript law will take away all our conscripts, inasmuch as there are no old regiments on this side to fill up, and if they are all sent away we have no material wherewith to compose an army.* I have therefore asked that some of them may be formed into new regiments and their officers appointed by the President. I hope General Magruder will arrive very soon. Until then we shall have no systematized operations. Will you please confirm the authorizations granted by me, commission the officers, and receive them regularly into Confederate service.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THO. O. MOORE,
Governor of Louisiana.

* See Moore to Davis, and Davis to Moore, Vol. XV, pp. 747, 767.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

Authorizations to raise partisan rangers.

To whom.	Number of men.	Parish.	When issued.	When to report.
E. A. Scott.....	Company.....	May 15	30 days.
A. A. Tomlinson.....	do.....	May 19	30 days.
L. D. Prescott.....	do.....	Saint Landry.....	May 19	30 days.
James C. Pratt.....	do.....	do.....	May 24	30 days.
D. D. Arden.....	64 rank and file.....	do.....	June 2	15 days.
J. M. Thompson.....	do.....	do.....	June 7	15 days.
Charles O. Hardy.....	do.....	do.....	June 10	15 days.
Thomas A. Woods.....	Company.....	Terre Bonne.....	May 21	June 13.
J. B. Dunn.....	64 rank and file.....	do.....	May 30	20 days.
Albert Voorhies.....	do.....	Saint Martin.....	May 27	30 days.
J. J. Wyche.....	do.....	do.....	June 6	15 days.
A. L. Hayes.....	do.....	do.....	June 12	30 days.
J. D. Broussard.....	do.....	do.....	June 12	15 days.
Allen Jumel.....	do.....	Iberville.....	May 27	30 days.
James Cappell.....	do.....	Avoyelles.....	May 28	15 days.
A. J. Ducote.....	do.....	do.....	June 4	15 days.
B. W. Blakewood.....	Battalion.....	do.....	June 8	30 days.
H. B. Bayard.....	64 rank and file.....	Saint Mary's.....	May 28	20 days.
Thomas J. Jones.....	do.....	do.....	May 28	20 days.
Adolphus Olivier.....	do.....	do.....	May 30	20 days.
James McWaters.....	do.....	Rapides.....	May 29	20 days.
W. J. Calvit.....	do.....	do.....	May 31	20 days.
W. W. Brazeale.....	Battalion.....	Natchitoches.....	May 31	30 days.
J. G. Blair.....	64 rank and file.....	do.....	May 31	20 days.
W. H. Bayliss.....	Battalion.....	Bienville.....	May 31	30 days.
J. Rankin Campbell.....	64 rank and file.....	Vermillion.....	June 4	30 days.
L. M. Grigsby.....	do.....	do.....	June 5	15 days.
Eug. Gengnon.....	do.....	do.....	June 9	15 days.
J. J. Caffery.....	do.....	La Fayette.....	June 6	15 days.
John Rikoski.....	do.....	do.....	June 12	15 days.
John A. Spence.....	do.....	Calcasieu.....	June 7	15 days.
J. T. Lindsey.....	do.....	do.....	June 11	15 days.
L. M. Nutt.....	do.....	Caddo.....	June 8	15 days.
A. Flournoy.....	do.....	do.....	June 12	30 days.
L. Flournoy.....	do.....	do.....	June 12	30 days.
A. H. Martin.....	do.....	Ouachita.....	June 13	20 days.
A. H. Edmonston.....	One and one-half companies.....	June 13

HDQRS. LOUISIANA MILITIA, ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Opelousas, June 13, 1862.

A true copy.

M. GRIVOT,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

About fifty companies. General Lovell has also authorized a few. If you will send the commissions to the Governor, and any of the corps authorized above fail of completion, they will be withheld. They need subsistence, &c.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

ORDERS, } HDQRS. LOUISIANA MILITIA, ADJT. GEN.'S OFFICE,
No. 603. } Opelousas, May 21, 1862.

Authority having been given to certain persons to organize bands of partisan rangers, in accordance with an act of Congress of the Confederate States, approved April 21, 1862, and the Governor having determined to grant similar authority, to avoid the delay of an application to the War Department at Richmond, it is hereby ordered that all those who shall have enlisted in such bands of rangers shall be exempt from the requirements of the conscription law during the term of their actual service as partisan rangers, such exemption to date from the time when the companies of rangers are regularly mustered into service and enter upon active duty. Application for permission to raise rangers must be made either to the Secretary of War, through the commanding general,

or to the Governor, and the time within which the partisan corps must be completed will be short and will be expressed in the several authorizations when granted.

By order of Thomas O. Moore, Governor and commander-in-chief:

[15.] M. GRIVOT,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

HEADQUARTERS,
Tyler, Tex., June 19, 1862.

I. To correct misconstructions of General Orders, No. 5,* from these headquarters, and the provisions of the conscript act, the following order is published for the information of officers and men under my command:

II. All persons who voluntarily entered the Army of the Confederate States for three years, or during the war, whether under eighteen or thirty-five years of age, will be held to their contract for that length of time, unless they are discharged under some special order to be given hereafter.

III. All enlisted men who volunteered for less than three years, or the war, that were in the Army of the Confederate States on the 16th day of April, 1862, over eighteen and under thirty-five years of age, are held in the service under the provisions of the conscript law for three years, or during the war, and will be so held until otherwise directed by the Secretary of War.

By order of Brig. Gen. Henry E. McCulloch:

[9.] JNO. HENRY BROWN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OPELOUSAS, LA., *June 26, 1862.*

JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, Richmond, Va. :

Your dispatch of May 16 [15], authorizing me to proclaim martial law in three parishes, received. Only yesterday I asked the same power for any portion of the State. In the lower part of the State, where the enemy have made inroads from New Orleans, it is indispensable. I have great difficulty and trouble, being without any Confederate officers. There is not one on duty in the State. Please send the general for this department at the earliest moment. This is the more necessary as an officer professing to have authority from General Hindman is now in Rapides Parish impressing private property there, including quicksilver and lead, which General Beauregard needs. The officer has acted with reprehensible violence and insolence. Answer to care of some officer at Jackson, and direct him to forward to me.

[15.] THO. O. MOORE.

SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 148. }

ADJT. AND INSP. GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, June 27, 1862.

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IX. The Shreveport Greys, formerly attached to Lieutenant-Colonel Righthor's First Battalion Louisiana Volunteers, is assigned to duty as

* See Vol. IX, p. 718.