By the President of the United States,
A proclamation
To the People of the United States of America.

Whereas the laws of the United States, for some time past and at the present time, are opposed and the execution thereof obstructed, in the State of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana; and Texas, by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, or by the powers vested in the Marshal by law, therefore

Abraham Lincoln,
President of the United States, in virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and law, have thought fit to call forth and hereby do call forth the militia of the several states of the Union, to the aggregate number of seventyfive thousand, in order to suppress said combination, and to cause the laws to be duly executed. The details for this object, will be transmitted to the State authorities, through the War Department.

I appeal to all loyal citizens, to favor, facilitate, and aid the effort to maintain the honor, the integrity, and the existence of the Federal Constitution, and to recover with the same firmness, already too long excused.

I deem it proper to say that the first service assigned to this force, hereby called forth, will probably be to repress the first and every event, which have been seceding from the government; and, in every event, the right...
most care will be observed, consistly with the object
of preserving, to avoid any devastation, any destruc-
tion of, or interference with, property, or any disturb-
ance of peaceful citizens, in any part of the

And I hereby command the persons composing
the combination aforesaid to disperse, and retire
peaceably to their respective abodes, within twenty
days from this date.

Deeming that the present condition of
public affairs presents an extraordinary occasion
in virtue of the power in me vested by the Consti-
tution, I do hereby convene both Houses of Congress,
Senators and Representatives are therefore summoned
to assemble at their respective chambers, at
12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the fourth day of
July, 1861, there and then to consider
and determine such measures as, in their
wisdom, the public safety, and interest, may
seem to demand.
By the President of the United States

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Whereas...

In witness 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 15th day of April in the year of our Lord and of the Independence of the United States the

By the President

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Original draft of Proclamation
by the President

Apr. 15, 1861
Executive Mansion
April 15, 1861

Lieut. General Scott:

My dear Sir:

Col. Peter G. Washington tells me it is my duty to call on officers to the commander of the District of Columbia, in the W. Service, and to have by him placed in the District of Washington, in obedience to the place.

Is it my duty to call on the commander, such officers? And if so, is it Col. Washington, by usage, or custom, or known as to the place?

Please communicate your information,

Yours Old Servant,

A. Lincoln