

*December 27, 1861 - "SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1."*



•*See December 30, 1861--Confederate pressing release*

Clarksville, Dec. 27, 1861.

*Captain Geo. D. Martin, Quartermaster C. S. A.*

Captain Sayers, the Engineer in charge of the Fortifications at this Post, requires the following number of negro laborers and carts, viz.: 360 men and 35 carts and mules, with a boy to each cart.-Having used every other method to obtain them short of an actual purchase, I have been ordered by Major General Wm. Hardee, C. S. A., to *press* them into service, and you are hereby ordered to see this order carried out to the extent of the force and carts above indicated. The laborers are expected to bring their tools, such as picks, grubbing-hoes, shovels, spades, axes, &c.; and such bed clothing as may be necessary to make them comfortable. In executing this order, you will use great prudence and caution explaining the necessity of the case to the master of the slave, and assure him that his property shall be cared for. Take from each owner so as to leave enough for the comfort and convenience of the family. In cases where the owner have, heretofore, voluntarily sent their hands to work, you will *not press* them, but urge them to continue to do so. In a word, make the burthen as equal, fair and just as possible. Do not fail to assure the owner than his negroes shall be well used and provided for, and when obtained, see that this is done; also assure each owner that he shall be paid for the services of his slaves.



In executing this order you will apply to Lieut.-Col. Norwood, of the 42d Reg[iment]. Tenn. Vols., for such military aid as you may require, and only use force in cases of extreme necessity, or in actual self-defense.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. A. Quarles, Col. Commanding Post



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