reconatuetion, hence our chief cire mois atill be directed to our army aod navy, who have thus far borne their harder part at nobly and well. And it may be en ertaciciency to these indigpentible grme cat ano wom conuruber to sentinel gallun men and to whom mere then all sthera the world stande indebted for haring theen thrulled, regenerated, enlarged and perpet uated the frome of freedom.

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TIE PROCLAMATION. Wurraxs, In and by the Conatitution of the United Statee, it is provided that the President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for mifenses agninst the United Staten, except in cases of impeach ment; and whereas a rebellion now exist wherehy the loyal Staten, and goverament of sevrral States have for a long time been and United States; and wheress, with refer ence to said rebellion and treason, law have been emmeted by Congress, calling for the forfeiture and confiscution of property, and liberation of slaves, all upon terms and conditions therein stated, and declaring that any time thereafter, by prect anthorized extend to persons tho may have prrtid extend in the exiating rebellion in euy Stat pated in the existing rebelloo, in any Stal or part thereof, pardon and amneriy, wit such conditions as he may deem expedient Yor the pmblic welfare; and, whereas, the Congreasional declaration for limated and conditional pardon accords with well established judicial expositions of the pardoning power ; and whereas, with reference to said rebellion, the President of the United States has issued neveral mroclamations, with provisions in regard to the liberation nt slaves; and wherean, it is now desired by some persons, heretnfore engaged in eaid mbellinn, to renume their alirgiance to the United States, and reinaugurate loyal State Governments
Therefore, I Abraham Eincoln, Preet dent of the United Statee, do precthin teclare and make knomn to all peroma have directly of by implication mettol have direcily or by implication particpated in the existing mbellion, except a thereinafier excepted, that a full pardon granted to them, and each of them. wath
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held void hy Congress or hy decision of the Bupreme Court, and that I will in like manner atide hy and faithruily support all proc-
lamations or the Prevident made during th existing rebellion, having reference to alave vo long and so far an not modified or deelare voli ty de docision
The persons excepted from the benefits of the foregoing provisions are all who are, or shall have been the eivil or diploGovernmeut; all who have lef juniciel tions under the United States to aid the rebellion; all who have or shall have boen military or naval officers of or above the in the navy; all the army, or Lieutenam Unite Sit ail who left seats in the United States Coagress to aid in the rebelion; all who resigred their commissions in the ammy or navy of the United States, who herwards aided the rebellion; and a colored persons, and white persons charge of such, otherwise than lawfully, as prisoners of war, and which persons may be found in the United States service a soldiers, seamen, or in any otber capacity. And I do farther proelaim, deelare and make known, that whenever, in any of the States of Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mis siasippi, Tennessee, Alabams, Georgia Florida, South Caroline and North Garolina, a number of persons, not lese than one-tenth of the number of votes cast in auch 8 tate at the Presidential election the year of our Lord 1860, each having to ken the oath aforesold, and not having sinee violated it, belog a qualitied voter by the
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Given under my hand at the eity of D. D. 1863, the 8th Day of December United States the 87th.
By the President : LINCOLN.
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To give our readers an opportunity of reading the President's Message and Proelamation as soon as possible, we have isued it on half-sheet. On Saturday will issue another half-sheet, containing lo al and general news.-Kd. Skntinki.

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