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Cotton Owed to Government

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Office Assistant Special Agent Treasury Department,

Natchez, Miss., July 11th, 1865.

SIR:—

The records of this office show that you sold to the Confederate Government and received payment for 41 bales of Cotton, and that you made yourself responsible for the safe keeping and delivery of the same. Said Cotton was included in the terms of surrender by Gen. Taylor to Gen. Canby, and you will please take notice that, in accordance with Order No. 47, hereto annexed, you are held responsible to the U. S. Treasury Department, to which Department the property has been turned over.

Very respectfully, &c.,

STEWART GOODRELL,

Assistant Special Agent Treasury Department,
District of Natchez.

To

W. P. Garden Esq

HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF WEST MISSISSIPPI,
NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 12, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER, }
No. 47. }

The following General Field Order is republished for the information of all concerned :

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AND DIVISION OF WEST MISSISSIPPI,
MOBILE, ALA., May 10, 1865.

GENERAL FIELD ORDERS, }
No. 39. }

The cotton belonging to the Confederate Government in East Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and West Florida, having been surrendered to the Government of the United States, its sale to private individuals, or its transfer to any persons, except the officers or agent of that Government, is prohibited. This order applies to all cotton procured by subscriptions to the cotton loan, by the sale of Confederate bonds or notes, by the tax in kind, or by any other process by which the title was vested in the Confederate Government, whether in the possession of the agents of that Government, or still in the hands of the producers; and all persons in whose charge it may be, will be held accountable for its delivery to the agents of the United States. Commanders of Districts will be furnished with a transcript from the records of the Cotton Agents, showing the quantity and location of the cotton within the limits of their commands, and will give the Agents of the Treasury Department, appointed to receive it, such facilities as may be necessary to enable them to secure it.

Any sales of this property, in violation of this order, will be treated as the embezzlement of public property.

By order of Maj. Gen. E. R. S. CANBY :
[Signed]

C. T. CHRISTENSEN,
Lieut. Colonel, Ass't Adjutant General.

By order of Maj. Gen. E. R. S. CANBY :

C. H. DYER,
Captain, Ass't Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :
B. F. MOREY, Capt. and Ass't Adj't Gen.

*Accounted for
to the Treasury Dept
Agency said to be
in Perry County
May 12 1865*