

Adjt. Gen Lorenzo Thomas, who recently left Washington to resume the duty assigned to him of organizing negro soldiers at the Southwest, has promulgated another order in relation to the disposition of the "contrabands" within the lines of the Union armies. All the able-bodied males are to be impressed as soldiers into some existing or new regiment, and "the system of receiving all negroes who may have sought the protection of the Government, and allowing them in many instances to remain in a state of almost inactivity," is now discarded, because it has become apparent that that system is "at times not only injurious to the service, but to the welfare of the negroes themselves." Hereafter only negroes who are incapacitated for labor by old age or ill health will be provided for in contraband camps. All women and children of negro descent, who may hereafter be desirous of seeking refuge within the lines of the U. S. troops, are advised to remain on the plantations or elsewhere where they have heretofore been in a state of servitude, provided such place be under the control of the Federal troops. All such negroes are promised the protection of the Government while they remain in the locations designated, and whilst so remaining they are to be employed at wages by such persons as shall be authorized to occupy the plantations or other places where they are.