

Headquarters Army of Tennessee.
Near Greensboro April 27th /65.

Genl. Orders }
No. 18. }

By the terms of a military Convention made on the 26th inst. by Maj. Gen. W. T. Sherman U. S. A. and Genl. Jos. E. Johnston C. S. A. the officers and men of this army are to bind themselves not to take arms against the U. S., until properly relieved from that obligation and shall receive guarantees from the U. S. officers against molestation by the U. S. authorities, so long as they observe that obligation and obey the laws in force where they reside. For these objects duplicate muster rolls must be made immediately, and after the distribution of the necessary papers, the troops will march under their officers to their respective states and then be disbanded, all retaining personal property. The object of this convention is sacrificion to the extent of the authority of the commandant who made it. Events in Virginia which broke every hope of success by war, imposed on its general the duty of sparing the blood of this gallant army and saving our country from further debasement, and our people from ruin.

Official (signed) J. E. Johnston.
General.

Official
B. E. Manly

Maj. Comdg. Batt. Arty.
Haudes Corps.

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