

Title: Orders pertaining to courts and freedmen, 1865  
June-1866 June.

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Notes: The material described in this catalog record is located in the collections of the South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, S.C. General orders (some signed) issued at Hilton Head, S.C., Charleston, S.C., and Philadelphia, Pa., June 1865 through June 1866, by command of generals of the Dept. of the South, Dept. of South Carolina, Military Division of the Atlantic, and the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands. The orders deal with the establishment and conduct of provost and civil courts, especially in regard to cases involving freedmen; the jurisdiction and powers of military authorities; the protection of "loyal persons," including all officers and soldiers of the U.S. Army, charged with "offenses done against the rebel forces" (12 Jan. 1866); the employment and rights of freedmen. Gen. R. K. Scott's order (29 June 1866) recognizes "the increasing amount of theft, drunkenness, and vagrancy." The order directs that any freedmen who leave agricultural employment be arrested as vagrants and put to work on public roads, and that a prison be established for "all persons of color" convicted of crimes other than capital offenses.  
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