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GENERAL ORDERS,}
No. 129.}

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 25, 1865.

To ensure equal justice and the same personal liberty to the freedmen as to other citizens and inhabitants, all orders issued by post, district, or other commanders, adopting any system of passes for them or subjecting them to any restraints or punishments not imposed on other classes, are declared void.

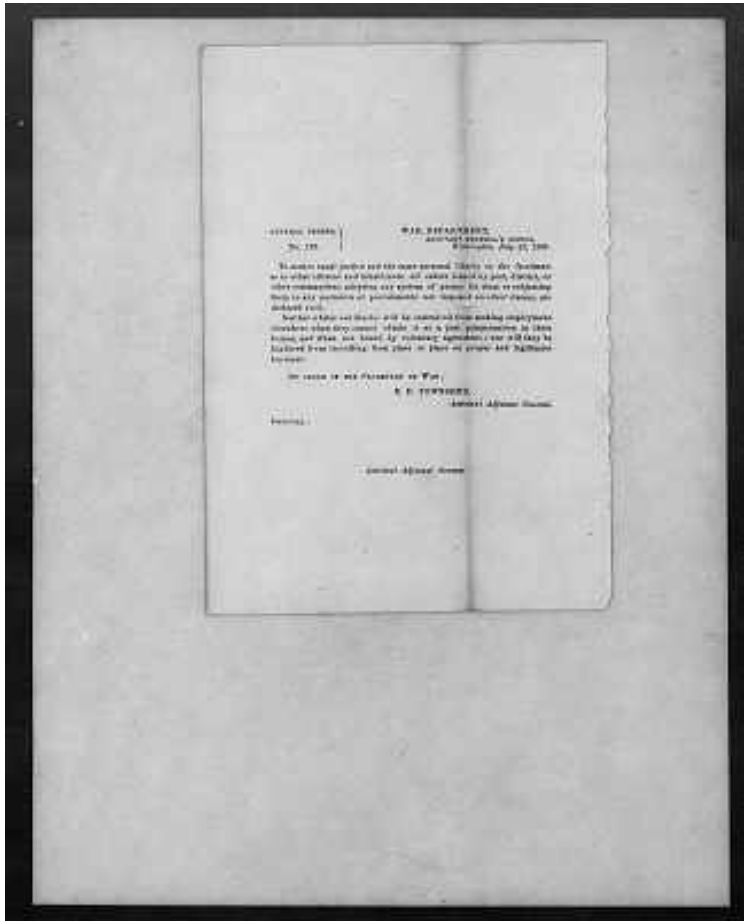
Neither whites nor blacks will be restrained from seeking employment elsewhere when they cannot obtain it as a just compensation at their homes, and when not bound by voluntary agreement; nor will they be hindered from travelling from place to place on proper and legitimate business.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General



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