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## Mississippi Assistant Commissioner, Orders and Circulars, Special Orders and Property Orders Issued, 1865–1868

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Head Quarters Department of Mississippi Bureau Refugees, Freedmen's and Abandoned Lands Office Assistant Commissioner for Mississippi Vicksburg, Miss. August 20th, 1866., Special Orders No. 77, }

The cotton picking season being about to commence and the necessity for securing of the Government the seeds due on the leases being apparent, the Sub Commissioner of Davis Bend is charged with the duty of predicting the Government claims. To this end each lessee will be required to present for the satisfaction of this rent-charge, an amount of marketable cotton calculated at the asking price, which shall be shipped under the super vision of the paid Sub Commissioner, the proceeds of which will be applied directly to the payment of the rent, and to no other purpose, except any surplus remaining after such payments.

If having been stipulated by and between the former Assistant Commissioner and the lessees, that should the land of certain parties who have leased plots outside the levee be allowed to such an extent as to materially injure the crops or prevent the planting of all or any part of the land, no rent should be charged except for that portion which could have been planted, this stipulation will in all cases coming under its provisions, be duly observed by the Sub Commissioner in letting claims of the Government.

A deduction will be made from the number of acres leased which could not be planted on account of overflow, and any charge made at the price per acre agreed upon and stated in the lease, for the number of acres not overflowed and which could have been planted. \_ An agent of the Bureau Receiving and Distribution Office of this State, duly authorized, will be present to calculate and receive all rents herein mentioned.

By order of Major Genl. Th. J. Wood, A. W. Preston Brevet Major and Act'g Ass't Adjh Gen'l

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Head Quarters District of Mississippi Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands Officer Assistant Commissioner for Mississippi Vicksburg Miss September 22nd 1866,

Special Orders No. 78 }

Captain J. N. Sunderland, Veteran Reserve Corps, Assistant Sub Commissioner District of Meridian will proceed without delay to Kemper county, District of Meridian and investigate murders and other outrages reported as having been committed in that County, and immediately upon his return will report the result of his investigation to this office. By order of Brevet Major Genl. Th. J. Wood A. W. Preston Act'g Ass't Adjh General

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Head Quarters District of Mississippi Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands Officer Assistant Commissioner for Mississippi Vicksburg Miss September 27th 1866,

Special Orders No. 79 }

Lieutenant John Moore, Veteran Reserve Corps Assistant Sub Commissioner District of Pass Christian, having completed his duty as contained in endorsed orders of September 19th, 1866, deciding the [[?]] of Benjamin Orr, eclipse of Pass Christian and his being brought to this [[?]] will return to his post at Pass Christian and assume his duties. By order of Brevet Major Genl. Th. J. Wood A. W. Preston Act'g [[?]] Adjh Gen'l

Head Quarters District of Mississippi Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands Officer Assistant Commissioner for Mississippi Vicksburg Miss October 1st 1866,

Special Orders No. 80 }

Brevet Captain J. K. Byers, Veteran Reserve Corps, late Sub Commissioner District of Vicksburg having been

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