In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this twenty-ninth day of August, in the [L. S.] year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

No. 49.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: October 12, 1865.

A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble. *Ante*, p. 742.

WHEREAS, by a Proclamation of the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the President of the United States, when the civil war was flagrant, and when combinations were in progress in Kentucky for the purpose of inciting insurgent raids into that state, directed that the Proclamation suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus should be made effectual in Kentucky, and that martial law should be established there, and continue until said proclamation should be revoked or modified; and whereas since then the danger from insurgent raids into Kentucky has substantially passed away:

Martial law to be no longer in force in Kentucky.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution, do hereby declare that the said Proclamation of the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall be, and is hereby, modified, in so far that martial law shall be no longer in force in Kentucky from and after the date hereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this twelfth day of October, in the year [L. S.] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

W. HUNTER, *Acting Secretary of State.*

No. 50.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: October 28, 1865.

A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God, during the year which is now coming to an end, to relieve our beloved country from the fearful scourge of civil war, and to permit us to secure the blessings of peace, unity, and harmony, with a great enlargement of civil liberty;

And whereas our Heavenly Father has also, during the year, graciously averted from us the calamities of foreign war, pestilence, and famine, while our granaries are full of the fruits of an abundant season;

And whereas righteousness exalteth a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people:

Day of national thanksgiving appointed.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, do hereby recommend to the people thereof that they do set apart and observe the first Thursday of December next as a day of national thanksgiving to the Creator of the universe for these great deliverances and blessings.

And I do further recommend that on that occassion the whole people make confession of our national sins against His infinite goodness, and with one

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heart and one mind implore the Divine guidance in the ways of national virtue and holiness.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this twenty-eighth day of October, in
[L. S.] the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

No. 51.

Dec. 1, 1865.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Preamble.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by the Proclamation of the President of the United States, of the fifteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus was, in certain cases therein set forth, suspended throughout the United States;

Ante, p. 734.

And whereas the reasons for that suspension may be regarded as having ceased in some of the states and territories:

Suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, &c., revoked, except in certain states and territories, and the District of Columbia.

Now therefore be it known, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare, that the suspension aforesaid and all other proclamations and orders suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in the states and territories of the United States, are revoked and annulled, excepting as to the States of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, the District of Columbia, and the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this first day of December, in the year
[L. S.] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

No. 52.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,

SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

To all to whom these presents may come, greeting:

Dec. 18, 1865.

Preamble.

KNOW ye, that whereas the congress of the United States on the 1st of February last passed a resolution which is in the words following, namely:

"*A resolution submitting to the legislatures of the several states a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.*

Ante, p. 567.

"*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two thirds of both houses concurring,)* That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by