

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, September 8, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 64. }

I. Conscripts in the employment of the government, who leave their employment without authority, will be arrested as deserters, on the order of the officer under whom they are employed. Conscripts working for contractors will, under like circumstances, be arrested as deserters, by the enrolling officer of the district, on complaint and proof by the contractor.

II. The reception of substitutes under 18 years of age, is hereby prohibited. The reception of substitutes into partisan corps is prohibited, as is also the reception of substitutes into any company not fully organized and received by the department. A substitute becoming liable to conscription, renders his principal also liable, unless exempt on other grounds.

III. Commissaries of Subsistence in the field and at depots will transfer all the hides of slaughtered beeves to officers of the Quartermaster's department, who will receive them, and preserve the same to be tanned.

IV. Commanders of army corps, regiments and battalions will make to this office monthly returns of their respective commands, on the forms furnished, and according to the directions expressed on them. Officers in charge of camps of instruction will make to this office, on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month, returns of the state of the recruiting service, showing the number of conscripts enrolled in camp at the date of last report, the number enrolled and accepted during the period for which report is made, the number sent forward to regiments, and the total remaining in camp.

V. Paragraph II, General Orders No. 62, current series, is amended so as to read as follows:

It is hereby announced that no oath of allegiance to the United States, and no parole by a person not in military service, pledging himself not to bear arms against the United States, will be regarded as an exemption from service in the armies of the Confederate States; but persons liable to conscription, taking such oath or giving such parole, will be enrolled for service. If captured by the enemy, they will be demanded as prisoners of war.

By order

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.