

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, July 31, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 53. }

I. Persons who are liable to conscription under the act of April 16, 1862, will not be taken to serve as partizan rangers. Such as may be engaged for that branch of service, must be over-thirty-five years of age.

II. Only aides de camp are to be considered as the personal staff of general officers; all other general staff officers assigned to the commands of general officers, or who may be attached by assignment to their respective head quarters, will be regarded as forming a part of their entire commands; and any change of commanding officer in such commands, will not imply a change in the assignment of the general staff officers.

III. Paragraph I, General Orders No. 44, current series, is hereby revoked, and all paroled prisoners, whose regiments are in the East, will report at Richmond, Virginia, and those whose Regiments are in the West, at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

IV. All seizures and impressments of any description of property whatever, and especially of arms and ordnance stores belonging to the States of the Confederacy, are hereby prohibited, and officers of the C. S. army are enjoined to abstain carefully from such seizures and impressments; and in case they are made by mistake, such officers are ordered to make prompt restitution.

By command of the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.