

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, June 11, 1862.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 42. }

I. Provost Marshals are prohibited from taking cognizance of civil cases.

II. When Martial Law has been proclaimed, the civil tribunals are authorized to take cognizance of civil cases to the extent of granting injunctions as usual, when it is necessary to prevent irreparable mischief, to make orders necessary to enforce the same, and to secure the custody of infants in persons entitled thereto, to decide suits for divorce, and to make the necessary orders for alimony and personal safety of the parties, to recover rents and the possession of real estate and slaves.

III. Where the officers of the Court cannot execute the judgments, decrees and orders in the cases above mentioned, they may be certified to the Provost Marshal, who will receive instructions to carry them into effect.

By command of the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*