

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, December 5, 1862.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 99.

The Superintendent of the Nitre and Mining Bureau is authorized and directed to press the home production of nitre from plantation and domestic sources.

Where indispensable, the labor of conscripts is authorized in interior districts, and details will continue to be made as at present; but officers and agents of the bureau will exercise especial caution to use this labor as a last resort.

Resignations in the nitre and mining corps must be placed upon the same footing with resignations in the line in front of the enemy. Faithfully executed, this service is second to no other engaged in the public defence.

By order.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*