Merchants Mutual Insurance Co
OF NEW ORLEANS
NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with the requirements of their Charter the Company publish the following

STATEMENT

Amount of premiums for the year ending 31st May, 1864, including the unearned premiums on all the outstanding policies $606,607 34

On Fire Risks		$406,607 34
On River Risks		13,391 50
On Marine Risks		61,211 10
Total premiums		$611,870 31
Less premiums not earned on		
31st May, 1864	$168,648 66	
Return Premiums	14,191 65	—179,823 05
Net earned premiums 31st May, 1864		$431,045 26
Losses paid during the year:		
On Fire Risks	$105,747 29	
On River Risks	16,384 75	
On Marine Risks	73,195 46	
Total losses	$195,327 50	
Ten per cent. reinsured	12,513 18	
Taxes	10,432 65	
Salaries, Expenses, Fees and Loss, less interest	54,159 28	—272,432 61
Net Profit		$158,612 65

The company have the following assets, viz:

Cash on hand	$56,202 85
Deposit in Crescent City Bank	12,775 37
Do. in Mechanics' Bank	849 30
Uncurrent Notes	48,292 31
Bills Receivable for Premiums	121,633 34
Invested in Notes secured by Mortgages on Things	161,192 86
Real Estate	35,400 00
Due for Premiums in course of collection	32,125 62
Bank Shares and Bonds	207,001 75
Stock Southern Shoe Manufactory	1,800 00
Scrips of Mutual Insurance Companies	3,640 00
	$1,071,913 4

Less—Net earned Premiums on 31st May, 1864 ..... $431,045 26
Interest to be paid on outstanding Scrips in July 33,617 60
Scrips and interest due and not yet claimed ..... 29,020 00 —493,662 86
Net assets $1,578,644 75

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it remembered that on the day, June 6, 1864 before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Parish aforesaid, personally appeared CHAS. SAGORY, President, and E. Z. RELF, Secretary, of the Merchants' Mutual Insurance Company of New Orleans, who being duly sworn, according to law, did depose and say that the above statement is just and true, and a correct transcript from the books of the company.

CHAS. SAGORY, President.
E. Z. RELF, Secretary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, June 6th, 1864.
E. MEUNIER,
Third Justice of the Peace.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, it was resolved to declare a scrip dividend of 20 per cent. on the net earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st May, 1863, for which certificates will be issued on and after the first day of August next. Also to pay, on and after the second Monday in July next, six per cent. interest on all outstanding scrips of the Company.

DIRECTORS:

M. Pulg	J. M. Hall	Wm. Wilson
F. Maspero	F. Fischer	David McOnist
E. P. Verrier	Charles Sagory	J. P. Labouisse
Alfred Penn	G. Z. Relf	

Compagnie d'Assurance Mutuelle
DE LA LOUISIANE.

Nouvelle-Orléans, ler mars 1863.

CONFORMÉMENT à la charte, la Compagnie publie ses statistiques suivant de la relation:

Total des primes pour l'année expirée le 28 février 1863		$397,412 65
Savoir: primes sur les incendies	$225,506 10	
do risques maritimes	86,478 34	
do Rivières	19,942 20	332,448 64
Moins les primes remises	4,197 33	
Moins les prim. non terminées	46,144 66	
		50,341 97
Produit net des primes		$347,070 67
Pertes payées, savoir:		
Pertes sur les incendies	$ 32,165 68	
Do sur la marine	75,890 52	
Do sur les rivières	4,000 70	
	$112,056 91	
Réassurances	21,362 66	
Dépenses, taxes, &c. moins les escomptes	27,177 77	
		161,165 28
Bénéfices net, de l'année expirée le 28 février 1863		$ 85,905 39

L'actif de la Compagnie est comme suit:

Investi en hypothèques sur des biens consistant valant le double du montant prêté	$19,565 00
Investi en actions de Banque	26,380 60
" en bons de la ville	24,770 00
" en bons de l'Etat et autres	34,180 00
" en scripts	65,444 00
Prêts garantis par des actions	62,125 00
Billets à recevoir	113,386 72
Primes en voie de perception	86,713 15
Montant en caisse	25,267 20
Total de l'actif	$603,732 15

Etat de la Louisiane.

Paroisse d'Orléans—Ville de la Nlle-Orléans

Qu'en souvenance que le 17 mars 1863, personnellement moi, juge de paix, dans et pour la susdite ville, se sont présentés Charles Briggs, président, et Jules F. Roux, secrétaire de la Compagnie d'Assurance Mutuelle de Louisiane, à la Nlle-Orléans, lesquels ayant dit devant eux, conformément à la loi, déclarent que le susdit tableau est exact et une copie sincère des livres de la compagnie.

CHARLES BRIGGS.
J. F. ROUX.

Assurments et signé devant moi, en l'une jour de mars 1863.
JNO. A. HITCHCOCK, Deuxième Juge de Paix.

Les Directeurs ont résolu de payer six pour cent d'intérêt sur les certificats non payés, de profit, à partir de ler juin prochain. Ils ont déclaré en outre un dividende de vertu de vingt pour cent sur le montant des primes pour l'année expirée le 28 février 1863, et il sera émis des certificats à cet effet à partir de ler juin 1863.

CHARLES BRIGGS, président.
A. CARRIERE, vice-président.
J. F. ROUX, secrétaire.

—DIRECTEURS:—

Chas. Briggs	A. Anderson	
Agt. Carriere	Henry Rodewalds	
G. A. Fonkoua	N. M. Blanchi	
Henry Pitcher	F. F. Nelson	
R. Cramer	C. Feasy	
R. Degueuerre	Wm. Urquhart	
J. Vinons Jr.	A. R. Montgomery	
G. Lafitte	G. W. Dunbar	
John Fox	Wm. Lowenstein	
H. Brugier	E. F. Stockmeyer	
A. Lecourt	F. W. Schmidt	
J. Avet	Geo. W. Hynson	
J. S. Maunsell	H. J. Voss	
A. Fleriche	Wm. Preim	
J. A. Luling	W. T. Williams	
O. Prospérie	Jas. Jackson	
J. Kearny		16 mars—1 m

Louisiana Mutual Insurance Co
NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 1, 1863.
NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

In conformity with the requirements of their charter, the Company publish the following statement:

Total premiums for the year ending 28th February, 1863		$397,412 6
Viz—Fire Premiums	$235,506 10	
Marine do.	86,478 34	
River do.	15,342 20	337,422
Less Return Premiums	4,197 33	
Less Unterminated do.	46,144 66	
		50,341
Net earned Premiums		$287,070 6
Losses paid, viz—		
Fire Losses	$32,165 68	
Marine Losses	75,890 52	
River Losses	4,000 70	
	$112,056 91	
Reinsurances	21,362 66	
Expenses, Taxes, &c., less Discount Account	27,177 77	
		161,165 3
Net earned Profits for the year ending 28th February, 1863		$125,905 3

The Company have the following Assets, viz:

Invested on mortgage of Real Estate, worth double the amount loaned thereon	$19,565 00
Invested in Bank Stock	47,280 00
Invested in City Bonds	24,770 00
Invested in State and other Bonds	34,180 00
Invested in Scrip	65,444 00
Loaned on pledge of Stocks	62,125 00
Bills receivable	113,386 72
Premiums in course of collection	86,713 15
Cash on hand	25,267 20
Total de l'actif	$603,732 15

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J. F. ROUX.

Assurments et signé devant moi, en l'une jour de mars 1863.
JNO. A. HITCHCOCK, Deuxième Juge de Paix.

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CHARLES BRIGGS, président.
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J. F. ROUX, secrétaire.

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A. Fleriche	Wm. Preim	
J. A. Luling	W. T. Williams	
O. Prospérie	Jas. Jackson	
J. Kearny		16 mars—1 m

N. O. Mutual Insurance Company
FOURTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

In conformity with the requirements of their charter the Company publish the following statement:

Amount of Premiums unearned September, 1862		$54,523
Premiums received during the year 1863:		
On Fire Risks	$151,517 60	
On Marine Risks	16,363 31	
On River Risks	1,663 15	
		170,139 4
Total premiums		$224,461 50
Less Premiums unearned 30th Sept., 1863	$47,063 00	
Return Premiums	4,367 44	
		51,428 44
Net earned premiums 30th September, 1863		$174,633 16
Losses paid during the year:		
On Fire Risks	$43,120 [illegible]	
On Marine Risks	92,008 [illegible]	
On River Risks	1,616 50	
		136,744 [illegible]
Fifteen per cent. returned	3,076 84	
Expenses, taxes, Reinsurance, less interest account	29,172 [illegible]	
		108,576 44
Profit		$72,053 7
Net earned premiums		174,633 16
Less amount of premiums on which the cent. have been returned		30,917 [illegible]
Amount participating in Profit		$105,550 96

The Company have the following assets, viz:

Bills receivable for Premiums	27,182 [illegible]
Notes secured by Mortgage and Pledges	167,219 [illegible]
Cash on hand	15,076 [illegible]
Due for Premiums in course of collection	4,026 [illegible]
Louisiana State, City and other Bonds	104,[illegible]
Scrip of sundry Mutual Insurance Companies	9,940 00
	$446,715 2
Less: Claims unsettled	32,[illegible]
Interest on Scripts	17,[illegible]
	49,861 [illegible]
Net	$416,854 15

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it remembered that on the 9th day of October, 1863, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the parish of Orleans aforesaid, personally appeared P. J. TUYES, President, and J. W. HINCKS, Secretary, of the NEW ORLEANS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, of New Orleans, who, being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say that the foregoing accounts are just and true, and a correct transcript from the books of the Company.

P. J. TUYES, President.
J. W. HINCKS, Secretary.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th October, 1863.
JOSEPH CUVILLIER, Not. Pub.

The Board of Directors have resolved to pay on and after the first Monday of November next, an interest of six per cent. on the outstanding certificates of Profits, to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives. Also, to declare a Dividend of THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT. on the net earned premiums of the Company, for the year ending on the 30th September, last, for which certificates will be issued on and after the 1st of January.

—DIRECTORS—

G. W. Babcock		J. M. Schulhers
E. Bailly Blanchard, Jr.		Lt. Hutmacher
Placide Fortial		F. A. Schoen
J. M. Sampeyre		Jas. Deymoski
Albin Rodrigues		Chas. Claiborne
Chas. Leitte		P. J. Tuyes

JUDICIAL SALES.

X Lambert vs Charles Mayhew Court.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 10,811.—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the Honorable the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Conti and Custom-house streets, in the Second District of the city, on FRIDAY, February 26th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M., the following described property, to wit:—

TWO LOTS OF GROUND, and all the buildings thereon, in the First District of the city, the square designated by Camp, Gitod, Julia and Magazine streets, adjoining each other, and numbered five and six, and measuring each twenty-six feet, seven inches and two lines front on Camp street, by one hundred and twenty feet six inches in depth, as designated on a sketch of plan annexed to an act passed before Theodore Guyot, Jr., Esq., Notary public in the city, on the 5th of April, 1857. The said lots were acquired by the defendant by purchase from Wm. Newton Mercer, per act passed before H. B. Cenas, late a notary public in this city, on the 22d of April, 1853.

ALSO, THE HALF PART OF A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND situated in the Fourth Ward of the city, designated by the Number Three, on a sketch of a plan signed by O. Ra Churchill, then a licensed surveyor in this city and dated on the 18 April, 1851, and annexed to an act passed before Edwin L. Lewis, late a notary, on the 8th April, 1853, which lot is bounded by Julia street, and measures twelve feet two inches and three quarter lines front on Camp street, by a depth of one hundred and seventy feet, as described, between parallel lines, American measure, and was acquired by the defendant by purchase from Robert H. Copley, as per act passed before H. B. Cenas, late a notary, on the eighth day of April, 1854, and annexed in the above suit.

Terms—Cash on the spot in U. S. Treasury notes.

JAS. E. DUNHAM,
Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

Union Insurance Company vs. Léonce Hoffman.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 10,900.—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the Honorable the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custom-house streets, in the Second District of the city, on FRIDAY, February 26th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M., the following described property, to wit:—

The three undivided twenty-fifths of a CERTAIN PORTION OF GROUND, situated in the suburb Delord, designated by the number One, on a plan made by Jos. D'Hémecourt, surveyor of the city, dated the 23d April, 1859, annexed for reference to an act of inventory and appraisement, passed before Selim Magner, notary public, on the 25th April, 1859, which portion of ground measures one hundred and six feet eleven inches and five lines front on New Levee street, one hundred and twenty-one feet five inches and three lines front on Delord street, one hundred and twenty feet three inches and three lines front on South street, and twenty-five feet six inches and five lines on the divid line of the subdivided twenty-fifths; together with the three-story brick warehouse, known as the "Felicity Warehouse."

Seized in the above suit.

Terms—Cash on the spot in U. S. Treasury notes.

JAS. E. DUNHAM,
Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

Charles F. Wommer vs. His Creditors.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 17,839.—By virtue of and in obedience to an order of sale rendered February 11th, 1864, and to me delivered by the Honorable the Third District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, on the premises hereinafter designated, on MONDAY, the 29th day of February, 1864, at 10 o'clock, P. M., for account of the creditors of said insolvent:

THE TENEMENTS OF A TAN-HOUSE, belonging to Mr. Chr. Christopher, situate at the corner of Dupre and Lapeyrouse streets, being Third District, Sixth portion of Lot her Goods Kid, Calf and Horse Hides, Lace Horse and Wagons, a lot of Furniture, &c., as per schedule on file.

And the unexpired term of the lease of the said premises, up to the 30th of November, 1867, at $30 per month. A copy of said lease will be read at the time of sale.

Surrendered by said insolvent to his creditors.

Terms—Cash on the spot.

☞ The purchaser of the lease to pay the rent as it falls due, and the balance of the price of adjudication (if any,) cash.

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Nicholas Vallery vs Manuel Hidalgo.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 10,847.—By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the Honorable the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custom-house streets, in the Second District of the city, on SATURDAY, March 12th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M., the following described property, to wit:—

THE HALF OF A LOT OF GROUND situated in the Sixth Ward of the city, in the Third District of the city, forming one of the corners of Gaspe and Fleichmann streets, making part of the lot designated as No. 300, on a plan of said suburb, having thirty feet front on Gaspe street, by one hundred and twenty feet in depth, and front on Fleichmann street, all French measure.

Together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, consisting of a one-story frame house, built of cypress, with one room, and one room in the rear, with fire places, hall and a cistern; and a frame house in the rear, one story, frame kitchen, slate-roofed, containing two rooms with fire places, cistern and privies.

ALSO, A LOT OF GROUND, situated in the Third District of the city, in square number Five, bounded by Bienvenue, Esplanade, Reverend and Claiborne streets, designated by number Eleven, and measuring, in American measure, thirty-one feet front on the front on Bienvenue street, by one hundred feet in depth, between parallel lines.

Together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, consisting of a small Frame House and small Outhouse in the yard.

This property is subject to a contribution for the sum of $100, for opening Bienvenue street.

A LOT OF GROUND, situated in the New Suburb Marigny, in the Third District of the city, in the square comprised between Annette, Urquhart, Moreau and St. Anthony streets, making part of lot No. 1, designated as number Four Hundred and Four on the original plan of said suburb—which said lot forms the corner of Annette and Urquhart streets, and measuring, French measure, thirty feet front on Annette street, by twenty feet in depth and front on Urquhart street.

Together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, consisting of a one-story and one-half Dwelling House, plastered, built at the corner, having four rooms, two with fire-place, back gallery below and front gallery above, on Annette street, a two-story frame Kitchen, shingle roofed, having two rooms below and two rooms upstairs, all with fire-places, two cistern, two privies, two outdoors well, yard partly fenced, yard partly paved with bricks, and divided in two tenements.

Seized in the above suit.

☞ Plans of the above will be on exhibition at the Exchange some days previous to the day of sale.

☞ Terms cash on the spot.

☞ The purchaser of the property herein above ordered described, to assume the payment of the contribution for $100 for the opening of Bienvenue street, and the balance cash.

JAS. E. DUNHAM,
Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

Henry Larghie vs. Benjamin Cohn and Hermann Levy.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 10,841.—By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed by the Honorable the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custom-house streets, in the Second District of the city, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of March, 1864, at 12 o'clock M.:

The unexpired term of the LEASE of the three-story Brick House, plastered, with veranda in front, No. 48 Orleans street, between Royal and Bourbon streets, in the Second District of this city.

Sold, as the property of the defendants, Benjamin Cohn, for the full term of five years, to be computed from the 1st of September, 1860, and ending on the 31st of August, 1865, at the rate of Seven Hundred and Eighty Dollars ($780) per year, payable in twelve equal parts per month, payable monthly, as per lease made before Constantin Cabel, late a Notary Public in this city, dated July 8th, 1860.

Seized in the above suit.

☞ Terms—The purchaser to pay the rent as it falls due at the end of each and every month, from the date of the adjudication, and the balance of the price of adjudication, if any, cash upon the spot.

JAS. E. DUNHAM,
Sheriff of the parish of Orleans.

Joseph Albert vs. Joshua Peebles.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 10,972.—By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the Honorable the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custom House streets, in the Second District of the city, on MONDAY, March 14th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M., the following described property, to wit:—

TWO CERTAIN LOTS OF GROUND together with the two and one-half story brick dwelling house, the two story brick kitchen building, the two story stable, and the other improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated in the First District of this city, in square bounded by Baronne, Julia, Philippe and Girod streets, designated as lots Nine and Ten, on a plan of Louis H. Pilie, City surveyor, dated 27th November, 1834, and annexed to the office of Paul E. Theard, late of Marigny, to this city, as plan No. Eighteen, said lots adjoin each other, and measure, each, in American measure, twenty-four feet front on Baronne street, by a depth of one hundred and sixty feet, between parallel lines; said lots being the same which the said Joshua Peebles acquired by purchase from the City of New Orleans, as per act of sale thereof, passed before said notary, Pan E. Theard, on April third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms—Cash on the spot.

JAS. E. DUNHAM,
Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

John Henderson vs. Clause Holmann.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF NEW ORLEANS, No. 19,877.—By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed by the Honorable the Second District Court of New Orleans, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, on SATURDAY, March 12th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custom-house streets, in the Second District of the city:

1. TWO LOTS OF GROUND, situated in the Seventh Ward, bounded by Washington and Third District of this city, designated by the numbers Nine and Ten, in square number Eight, bounded by Bartholomew, Genevieve, (now Royal,) Menard and Gerard streets (now Dauphine) streets, on a plan drawn by Belisle, surveyor, dated May 2d, 1837, which said lots measure, each lot, twenty feet in front on Bartholomew street by one hundred and ten feet in depth, between parallel lines; and lot number Ten, twenty-one feet front on said Bartholomew street, by one hundred and ten feet in depth and front on Genevieve street, being parallel lines, said lot forming the corner of said Bartholomew and Genevieve streets.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon.

2. A LOT OF GROUND situate in the same District and square, designated by the Number Fifteen, on square Number Eight, and measuring thirty-one feet eleven inches and five lines front on Menard street, by one hundred and ten feet in depth, between parallel lines, American measure. The whole agreeably to a plan of U. A. de Armas, deputy Surveyor-General, dated May 18th, 1836, deposited in the office of O. de Armas, late a notary public in this city.

Adjoining the same property acquired by defendant by purchase from Louis Lambert, lots Nine and Ten from Jos. Rolmayer, per act passed before Jos. Rolmayer, notary public in this city, dated January 19th, 1860, and lot number Fifteen from Jules Bernabeau, per act passed before O. de Armas, late a notary public in this city, dated May 18th, 1837.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms cash on the spot, in U. S. Treasury Notes.

JAS. E. DUNHAM, Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

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C. ROUYER, Manufacturer,
125 CHARTRES STREET, NEXT TO THE ORLEANS HOTEL.

ALWENSIDE.

100 DOZENS Knives and Forks at $10, $12, and $14 a dozen.
Soup, Tea and Coffee Spoons, warranted for 6 years.
Also, a fine assortment of Clocks, Bronzes, Statuettes, Vases, Chandeliers, &c., at very low prices.
Gold and Silver purchased.
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For Sale,
By EUGENE ROCHEREAU & CO., Nos. 16 and 18 St. Louis Street.

60 cases SARDINES, 100 quarter boxes, Marquette, 250 cases CLARET, [illegible] & C.;
Landing on ship Varuna from Bordeaux.
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OFFICIAL ORDER.

Headquarters Department of the Gulf,
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 3, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 23.

The following general regulations are published for the information and government of all interested in the subject of enforced plantation labor, public or private, during the present year, and in continuation of the system established January 5, 1863:

I. The lease of abandoned plantations under cultivation in the Department, having been suspended by order of the Government, will not be renewed except upon direction of the same high authority.

II. The Provost Marshal General is instructed to provide for the division of Parishes into police and school districts, and to organize from loyal citizens a competent police for the preservation of order.

III. Provision will be made for the establishment of a sufficient number of schools, one at least for each of the police and school districts, for the instruction of colored children under twelve years of age, when established, will be placed under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Education.

IV. Soldiers will not be allowed to visit plantations without the written consent of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Post to which they are attached, and never with arms on upon duty, unaccompanied by an officer.

V. Plantation hands will not be allowed to pass from one plane to another except under such regulations as may be established by the Provost Marshal of the Parish.

VI. Flogging and other cruel or unusual punishments are interdicted.

VII. Passes will be required, as soon as practicable after the publication of these regulations, for all persons employed upon their estates and to transmit the same to the Provost marshal of the Parish. In the respective Parishes of Natchitoches, the safety of families will be required as far as possible.

VIII. All questions between the employer and the employed, until other tribunals are established, will be decided by the Provost Marshal of the Parish.

IX. Sick and disabled persons will be provided for upon the plantations to which they belong, except such as may be received in establishments provided for them by the Government, of which one will be established at Algiers, and one at Baton Rouge.

X. The unauthorized possession of clothing, or other property, from laborers, will be punished by fine and imprisonment. The use of whiskey, or other intoxicating drinks, to them, or to other persons, except under regulations established by the Provost Marshal General, will be followed by the severest punishments.

XI. The possession of pistols, and other dangerous weapons, without authority, will be punished by fine and imprisonment.

XII. Laborers shall conduct their employer between daylight and sunset, ten hours every month, and some hours in winter, of respite for humanity, and for recreation therein, in addition to just treatment, healthy rations, good shelter, clothing, quarters, and medical attendance, and shall receive wages per month as follows, payment one half of which, at least, shall be reserve until the end of the year:

For first class hands	[illegible] per month.
For second class hands	[illegible] do.
For third class hands	[illegible] do.
For fourth class hands	[illegible] do.

Engineers and foremen, when faithful in the discharge of their duties, will be paid $[illegible] per month.

In the distribution of wages may be commenced and paid after the end of the year. Wages will be denied and forfeited in case of sickness and idleness, and, when a cause of complaint, to the Provost Marshal General, for adjustment. Indemnation for injuries done to property, and for crime, will be imposed by forfeitures of pay, and other penalties may be provided for similar offences by Army Regulations. Sunday work will be avoided when practicable, but when necessary, will be remunerated at extra rates, and paid at the rates specified herein.

XIII. Laborers will be permitted to choose their employers, but when the agreement is once made, they will be held to their engagement for the term, under the protection of the Government. In cases of complaint, by forcing back runaways, or otherwise, refusal of duty, they will be referred either to the Provost Marshal of the Parish, for adjustment, or to the Provost Marshal of the Department, for trial by a military court.

XIV. Laborers will be permitted to cultivate land on private account, on terms agreed upon, to be given for and of the same hands, with families, one acre each; 1st and 2d class hands, without families, one half acre each;

3d and 3d class hands, with families, one quarter acre each.

To be increased for good conduct at the discretion of the employer. The encouragement of independent industry will strengthen all the relations which capital derives from labor, and secure the cheapest and most of labor and profit for the time when the race treasure so much about for money, which is the great product of the soil, upon which, in the end, all national prosperity and power depends, will render to the Government a service as great as the military one, and to the citizen only what the planter is entitled to labor. The Government will not be responsible for any loss of property or crop, nor accounted to him, by reason of anarchy, or any other circumstance, or for any other property, except under regulations established by the Provost Marshal General, and followed by the severest punishments.

XV. To protect the laborer from possible imposition, no contract shall be binding unless it be in writing, or nothing, but it may be enforced, and the rights of property secured, for the same hands, and for a term of years.

XVI. It is advised, as far as practicable, that employers provide for the current wants of their hands, by periodical payments for extra labor, or by advances of land for share cultivation, in lieu of wages, monthly payments so far as it can be done with safety, and to reserve the balance until the harvest, all their yearly wages.

XVII. A Free Labor Bank will be established for the sale deposit of the earnings of laborers, and other savings, and in order to avoid a possible pressure by the Southern Confederate authority, the Bank will be made a branch of the Treasury of the United States in this Department.

XVIII. The transportation of negroes from families to other plantations for speculation, for sale, or for any other purpose, is prohibited. The transportation of negroes from one plantation to another, for any purpose, except under regulations established by the Provost Marshal General, will be followed by the severest punishment.

XIX. The possession of pistols, and other dangerous weapons, with out authority, will be punished by fine and imprisonment.

XX. The same Regulations are hereby made applicable to the population of the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Jefferson, as to those of the Parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, Washington, St. Martin, St. Mary, Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Jefferson, Point Coupee, Pointe Coupee, Ouachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Tensas, Madison, Carroll, Franklin, Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Union, Lafayette, Vermilion, Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary