

# A PROCLAMATION.

TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE COUNTIES OF  
**ALEXANDRIA, LOUDOUN, FAIRFAX & PRINCE WILLIAM.**

A reckless and unprincipled tyrant has invaded your soil. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, regardless of all moral, legal and constitutional restraints, has thrown his abolition hosts among you, who are murdering and imprisoning your citizens, confiscating and destroying your property, and committing other acts of violence and outrage too shocking and revolting to humanity to be enumerated. All rules of civilized warfare are abandoned, and they proclaim by their acts, if not on their banners, that their war cry is "*Beauty and Bcooty.*" All that is dear to man—your honor and that of your wives and daughters—your fortunes and your lives are involved in this momentous contest.

In the name, therefore, of the constituted authorities of the Confederate States—in the sacred cause of Constitutional Liberty and self-Government, for which we are contending—in behalf of civilization and humanity itself—I, G. T. BEAUREGARD, Brigadier General of the Confederate States Commanding at Camp Pickets, Manassas Junction, do make this my Proclamation, and invite and enjoin you by every consideration dear to the hearts of freemen and patriots—by the name and memory of your Revolutionary fathers, and by the purity and sanctity of your domestic firesides—to rally to the standard of your State and country, and by every means in your power compatible with honorable warfare, to drive back and expel the invaders from your land. I conjure you to be true and loyal to your country and her legal and constitutional authorities, and especially to be vigilant of the movements and acts of the enemy so as to enable you to give the earliest authentic information at these Head Quarters, or to the Officers under my command. I desire to assure you that the utmost protection in my power will be extended to you all.

(Signed) G. T. BEAUREGARD,  
Brigadier General Commanding.

(Official)

THOMAS JORDAN,

Lt. Col. and Act. Ass't. Adju't. General.