

Clifton H. Smith's General Orders, no. 44

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Head Quarters Western Department,
Corinth, Mississippi, May 19th, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 44. }

For the information of this army, the following General Orders, No. 28, of the Federal officer, Major General Butler, commanding at New Orleans, will be read on dress parade:

NOTICE.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, }

NEW ORLEANS, May 15, 1862. }

General Orders, No. 28.

As the officers and soldiers of the United States have been subject to repeated insults from the women (calling themselves ladies) of New Orleans, in return for the most scrupulous non-interference and courtesy on our part, it is ordered that hereafter when any female shall, by word, gesture or movement, insult or show contempt for any officer or soldier of the United States, she shall be regarded and held liable to be treated as a woman of the town plying her avocation.

By command of

MAJOR GENERAL BUTLER

GEO. C. STRONG, A. A. G., Chief of Staff.

Men of the South! shall our mothers, our wives, our daughters and our sisters, be thus outraged by the ruffianly soldiers of the North, to whom is given the right to treat, at their pleasure, the ladies of the South as common harlots? Arouse friends, and drive back from our soil, those infamous invaders of our homes and disturbers of our family ties.

G.T. BEAUREGARD.

General Commanding

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