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WAR DEPARTMENT,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, November 1, 1861.

The following order from the President of the United States, announcing the retirement from active command of the honored veteran Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, will be read by the Army with profound regret:

"EXECUTIVE MANSION,

"Washington, November 1, 1861.

"On the 1st day of November, A. D. 1861, upon his own application to the President of the United States, Brevet Lieutenant General Winfield Scott is ordered to be placed, and hereby is placed, upon the list of retired officers of the Army of the United States, without reduction in his current pay, subsistence, or allowances.

"The American people will hear with sadness and deep emotion that General Scorr has withdrawn from the active control of the army, while the President and a unanimous Cabinet express their own and the nation's sympathy in his personal affliction and their profound sense of the important public services rendered by him to his country during his long and brilliant career, among which will ever be gratefully distinguished his faithful devotion to the Constitution, the Union, and the Flag, when assailed by particidal rebellion.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

The President is pleased to direct that Major General George B. McClellan assume the command of the Army of the United States. The Headquarters of the Army will be established in the city of Washington. All communications intended for the Commanding General will hereafter be addressed direct to the Adjutant General. The duplicate Returns, Orders, and other papers heretofore sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters of the Army, will be discontinued.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,

Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.