



Emancipation Proclamation

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VOCABULARY:

1. **Year of our Lord**
counting years from the birth of Christ another way of saying A.D. or C.E.
2. **Designated**
a specific part
3. **Thenceforward**
from that time on
4. **Authority**
power
5. **Repress**
to keep under control
6. **Suitable**
appropriate or fitting
7. **Condition**
a life situation or state of being
8. **Contraband**
slave who escaped to the Union lines
9. **Garrison**
to man a fort
10. **Vessel**
floating naval transport such as a boat, or ship.
11. **Virtue**
because of
12. **Aforesaid**
already stated

EXCERPT:

Paragraph Two:

"That on the first day of January, in the **year of our Lord** one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or **designated** part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, **thenceforward**, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval **authority** thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to **repress** such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

Paragraph Six:

"And by **virtue** of the power, and for the purpose **aforesaid**, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons."

Paragraph Eight:

...And I further declare and make known, that such persons of **suitable condition** [freed **contraband**], will be received into the armed service of the United States to **garrison** forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man **vessels** of all sorts in said service.