

*See Conspiracy & Death Warrants*

Executive Chamber, Washington City, )

May 1, 1865. )

Whereas, the Attorney General of the United States hath given his opinion: That persons implicated in the murder of the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of the Honorable William H. Seward, Secretary of State, and in an alleged conspiracy to assassinate other officers of the federal government at Washington City, and there aiders and abettors, are subject to the jurisdiction of, and legally triable before a military commission,

"It is ordered: 1. That the Assistant Adjutant General detail nine competent military officers to serve as a commission for the trial of said parties, and that the Judge Advocate General proceed to prefer charges against said parties for the alleged offences, and bring them to trial before said military commission; that said trial or trials be conducted by the said Judge-Advocate-General, and, as recorder thereof, in person, aided by such assistants or special Judge Advocates as he may designate, and that said trials be conducted with all diligence consistent with the ends of justice the said commission to sit without regard to hours.

"2. That Brevet Major-General Hartranft be assigned to duty as special Provost-Marshal-General for the purpose of said trial and attendance upon said commission, and the execution of its mandates.

"3. That the said commission establish such order or rules of

procedu~~re~~ as may avoid unnecessary delay and conduce to the ends of public justice.

"Andrew Johnson.

"Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C. May 6, 1865.

Official Copy:

"W. A. Nichols, Assistant Adjutant General."

"Whereas, it appears from evidence in the Bureau of Military Justice that the atrocious murder of the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of the Hon. W. H. Seward, Secretary of State, were incited, concerted, and procured by and between Jefferson Davis, late of Richmond, Virginia, and Jacob Thompson, Clement C. Clay, Beverly Tucker, George N. Sanders, W.C. Cleary, and other rebels and traitors against the Government of the United States, harbored in Canada; now, therefore to the end that justice may be done, I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States do offer, and promise for the arrest of said persons, or either of them, within the limits of the United States, so that they can be brought to trial, the following rewards: One hundred thousand dollars for the arrest of Jefferson Davis, twenty five thousand dollars for the arrest of Clement C. Clay, twenty five thousand dollars for the arrest of Jacob Thompson, late of Mississippi, twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of George N. Sanders, twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Beverly Tucker and ten thousand dollars for the arrest of William C. Cleary, late

clerk of Clement C. Clay.

"The Provost-Marshal-General of the United States is directed to cause a description of said persons, with notice of the above rewards to be published.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, the second day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

By the President.

Andrew Johnson.

W. Hunter, Acting Secretary of State."