were enrolled, and fought, side by side, with the whites, the battles of the
Revolution."

General Jackson, in his celebrated proclamations to the free colored inhab-

Itants of Louisiana, uses these expressions: "Your white fellow-citizens,"
and again: "Our brave citizens are united, and all contention has ceased
among them."

FIRST PROCLAMATION.

EXTRACTS.

HEAD QUARTERS, 7th Military Dist.,
Mobile, Sept. 21st, 1814.

To the Free Colored Inhabitants of Louisiana:

Through a mistaken policy you have heretofore been deprived of a participa-
tion in the glorious struggle for national rights, in which your country if
engaged.

This no longer shall exist.

As sons of freedom, you are now called on to defend our most inestimable
blessings. As Americans, your country looks with confidence to her adopted
children for a valorous support. As fathers, husbands, and brothers, you are
summoned to rally round the standard of the Eagle, to defend all which is
dear to existence.

Your country, although calling for your exertions, does not wish you to en-
gage in her cause without remunerating you for the services rendered.

In the sincerity of a soldier, and in the language of truth, I address you.—

To every noble-hearted free man of color, volunteering to serve during the
present contest with Great Britain, and no longer, there will be paid the same
bounty in money and land now received by the white soldiers of the United
States, viz: $121 in money, and 160 acres of land. The non-commissioned
officers and privates will also be entitled to the same monthly pay and daily
rations, and clothes, furnished to any American soldier.

The Major General commanding will select officers for your government
from your white fellow-citizens. Your non-commissioned officers will be
selected from yourselves. Due regard will be paid to the feelings of freemen
and soldiers. As a distinct, independent battalion or regiment, pursuing the
path of glory, you will, undivided, receive the applause and gratitude of your
countrymen.

Andrew Jackson,
Major Gen. Commanding.


SECOND PROCLAMATION.

To the Free People of Color:

Soldiers! I when on the banks of the Mobile I called you to take up arms,
inviting you to partake the perils and glory of your white fellow-citizens, I
expected much from you; for I was not ignorant that you possessed qualities
most formidable to an invading enemy. I knew with what fortitude you could
endure hunger and thirst, and all the fatigues of a campaign.

I knew well how you loved your native country and that you, as well as
ourselves, had to defend what man holds most dear—his parents, wife, children,
and property. You have done more than I expected. In addition to the
previous qualities I before knew you to possess, I found among you a noble
enthusiasm which leads to the performance of great things.

Soldiers! the President of the United States shall hear how praiseworthy
was your conduct in the hour of danger, and the representatives of the Amer-
ican people will give you the praise your exploits entitle you to. Your Gen-
eral anticipates them in applauding your noble ardor.