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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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GENERAL ORDERS.

From information received at this department, from brigadier-general Felix Huston, and also the two McNeallys and Brown, prisoners lately escaped from Matamoras, it is beyond a doubt that our blood-thirsty enemies are making formidable preparations again to attack us, and it is confidently hoped that every good citizen of this republic will be ready at a moment's warning to repair to the standard of his country.— Immortal glory awaits each man who is prepared to do his duty, and eternal infamy and disgrace (and the consequences of the law of confiscation) shall pursue the coward who proves recreant to the call. It is expected that every able bodied man will provide himself with a good gun and horse,—a sufficient stock of ammunition, and ten days' provisions always on hand, so as to be enabled to march at a moment's warning. Citizens may rest assured that they shall not be harassed by false alarms, or called into the field until the emergency actually requires it; and when the call is made, it is required and confidently believed that every man will be fully prepared to meet it promptly. Every man who expects to remain a citizen of Texas, when called on, or the enemy advance, must shew himself a patriot and soldier. The chief justices of the different counties are required to take immediate measures to organize the militia within their respective jurisdictions, according to an act entitled "An Act Organizing the Militia."

By order of the President,
WILLIAM S. FISHER,
SECRETARY OF WAR.