

Fort Pulaski National Monument



The First Proclamation of Emancipation

On April 13, 1862, Union General David Hunter announced in General Order No. 7, that "All persons of color lately held to involuntary service by enemies of the United States in Fort Pulaski and on Cockspur Island, Georgia, are hereby confiscated and declared free...." This order was issued eight months before President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

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