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Ceux des lecteurs de L'ABEILLE dont les souvenirs remontent à l'époque de notre guerre de sécession, se rappellent le général B. F. Butler dont la tyrannie n'avait d'égale que sa laideur; toutes les laideurs, le malheureux les avait!

Nous devons à l'obligeance de M. Wm Beer, conservateur de la Bibliothèque Howard, communication des lignes ci-dessous extraites d'un pamphlet où sont consignés les ordres de Butler pendant son séjour parmi nous immédiatement après la reddition de la ville à l'amiral Farragut; et pour garder à ces lignes leur couleur, nous les publions dans la langue où elles ont été écrites:

General Butler and the Newspapers.

It is generally known that the relations between the Federal general and the local press were strained frequently to the point of suppression.

It may be interesting to put on record some of the facts as shown by the official orders.

The general orders on this subject are contained in the pamphlet "General Orders from Headquarters Department of the Gulf, issued by Major-General B. F. Butler, from May 1st, 1862, to the present time. New Orleans, 1862," which is extremely interesting reading.

General Orders Nos. 17 and 18 deal with the New Orleans True Delta. They are as follows:

General Order Headquarters Department of the Gulf.

No. 16. New Orleans, May 2, 1862.

1. Major J. M. Bell, volunteer aide-de-camp of the Division staff, is hereby appointed Provost Judge of the city of New Orleans, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

2. Capt. J. H. French, aide-de-camp and acting inspector General, is hereby appointed Provost Marshal of the city of New Orleans; and Capt. Stafford, volunteer aide-camp, Deputy Provost Marshal. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By command of Major-General Butler, Geo. C. Strong, A. A. Gen.

General Order Headquarters Department of the Gulf.

No. 18. New Orleans, May 3, 1862.

General Order No. 17, current series, from these Headquarters, suppressing the publication of the "True Delta" newspaper, is hereby revoked, and its publication, under the limitations expressed in the proclamation of the 1st inst., is permitted.

The Commanding General, having demonstrated the ability of his officers to do everything necessary, for the success of his plans without aid from any citizen of New Orleans, desires to interfere no further with that press.

Major-General Butler. By command of Geo. C. Strong, A. A. Gen.

A few days later Gen. Butler suppressed the Bzz and "Delta" by a special order No. 39.

Headquarters Department of the Gulf.

No. 39. New Orleans, May 16, 1862.

Special Order No. 39. The New Orleans Bzz newspaper, having published an elaborate, though covert argument in favor of the cotton burning mob, is hereby suppressed. No publication of any description will issue from that office until further orders.

II. The New Orleans "Delta" newspaper having in an article of to-day's issue discussed the cotton question in a manner which violates the terms of the proclamation of 1st May instant, from these headquarters, the office of that paper will be taken possession of, and its business conducted under direction of the United States authorities.

Major-General Butler. By command of Geo. C. Strong, A. A. General.

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