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ABRAHAM LINCOLN **(/PEOPLE/PRESIDENT/ABRAHAM-LINCOLN)**

Executive Order— Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus

October 14, 1861

Lieutenant-General WINFIELD SCOTT:

The military line of the United States for the suppression of the insurrection may be extended so far as Bangor, in Maine. You and any officer acting under your authority are hereby authorized to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* in any place between that place and the city of Washington.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,

Secretary of State .

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