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

Executive Order— Authorizing General H.W. Halleck To Suspend the Writ of Habeas Corpus

December 02, 1861

Major-General H. W. HALLECK,

Commanding in the Department of Missouri.

GENERAL: As an insurrection exists in the United States and is in arms in the State of Missouri, you are hereby authorized and empowered to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* within the limits of the military division under your command and to exercise martial law as you find it necessary, in your discretion, to secure the public safety and the authority of the United States.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed, at Washington, this 2d day of

December, A. D. 1861.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Secretary of State.

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