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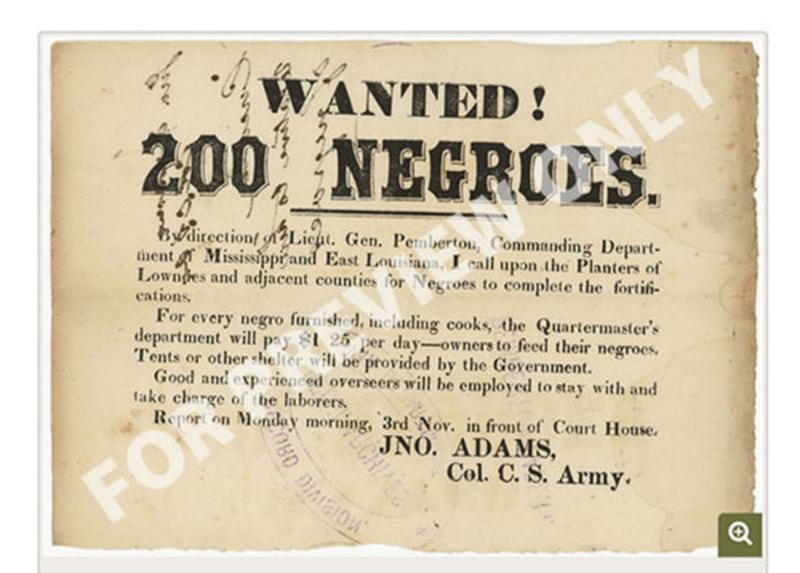
Wanted! 200 Negroes

Creator: Army of the Confederate States of America

Date: November, 1862

Source type: Poster

Introduction: When the Confederate States of America went to war against the United States, only white men could serve as soldiers. But the army also needed workers to help build fortifications, put artillery in place, and meet other military needs. In this poster, the commander of an army division in Lowndes County, Mississippi, asks local slave owners to provide their slaves in order to accomplish these tasks.



Transcript:

WANTED! 200 NEGROES

By direction of Lieut. Gen. Pemberton, Commanding Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana, I call upon the Planters of Lowndes and adjacent counties for Negroes to complete the fortifications.

For every negro furnished, including cooks, the Quartermaster's department will pay \$1.25 per day—owners to feed their negroes.

Tents or other shelter will be provided by the Government.

Good and experienced overseers will be employed to stay with and take charge of the laborers .

Report on Monday morning, 3rd Nov. in front of Court House.

JNO. ADAMS,

Col. C.S. Army

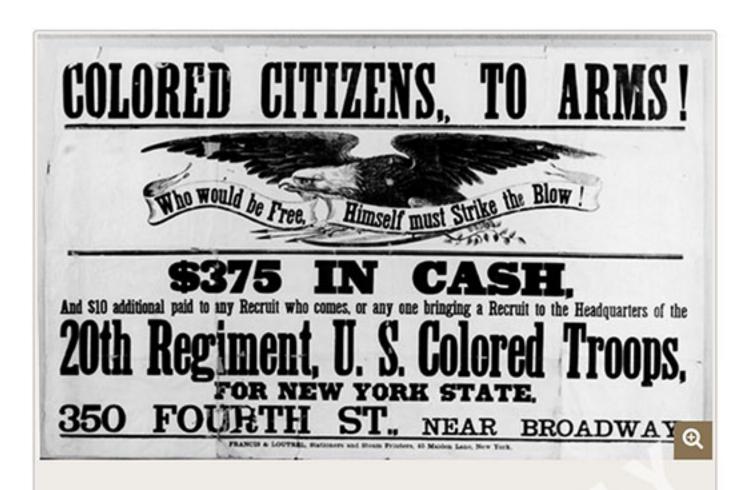
Colored Citizens, To Arms!

Creator: The United States Army

Date: c. 1864

Source type: Poster

Introduction: This 1864 poster was used to recruit African-American soldiers for the 20th Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, a Union Army regiment based in New York State. In 1862, after Congress passed a law allowing them to enlist, thousands of African-American men of fighting age joined the Union military. During this time, African Americans served in all-black units, under the command of white officers.



Transcript:

COLORED CITIZENS, TO ARMS!

[Eagle, with arrows, olive branch and banner]

Who would be Free, Himself must Strike the Blow!

\$375 IN CASH

And \$10 additional paid to any Recruit who comes, or any one bringing a Recruit to the Headquarters of the 20th Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, FOR NEW YORK STATE.

350 FOURTH ST., Near Broadway.

