

GENERAL ORDERS,

No. 12.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 27, 1861.

1. The Military Department of Washington will include the District of Columbia, according to its original boundary, Fort Washington and the county adjacent, and the State of Maryland as far as Bladensburg, inclusive. Colonel J. K. F. Mansfield, Inspector General, is assigned to the command, Headquarters Washington City.

2. A new Military Department, to be called the Department of Annapolis, Headquarters at that city, will include the country for twenty miles on each side of the railroad from Annapolis to the city of Washington, as far as Bladensburg, Md. Brigadier General B. F. Butler, Massachusetts Volunteers is assigned to the command.

3. A Third Department, called the Department of Pennsylvania, will include that State, the State of Delaware and all of Maryland not embraced in the foregoing Departments. Major General Patterson to command, Headquarters at Philadelphia, or any other point he may temporarily occupy.

4. Brevet Colonel C. F. Smith, having been relieved by Colonel Mansfield, will repair to Fort Columbus, N. Y., and assume the duties of Superintendent of the Recruiting Service to which he was assigned in Special Orders No. 80, of March 15. Major Heintzelman, on being relieved at Fort Columbus, will repair to this city and report for duty to the Department Commander.

5. Fort Adams, Rhode Island, is hereby placed temporarily under the control of the Secretary of the Navy, for the purposes of the Naval Academy now at Annapolis, Md.

The necessary transfer of property will be made by the Departments interested.

BY ORDER :

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL :

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

*Recd. to D.C. May 11, 1861.*

