General Orders - No 3.

New Berlin, Head Quarters, Department of New England
August 24, 1864.

1. It having come to the knowledge of the Commandant in chief, that a clerical error was made in the issuing General Order No 2, New Berlin, in the name of that distinguished and meritorious officer, Brigadier General Alfred C. Mahan, and in consequence as great injustice has thereby been done to that brave officer, and inasmuch as great injury may result hereby to the public service,

Major General Born, Commanding the Department of Dorchester, is authorized forthwith to correct said error, by causing the order to be posted at all military posts of the Department, and presently a
copy of the same to the civil authorities in the Department of Dorchestet.

2. The march of civilization, and the refinement of ideas, which has been accomplished by the indefatigable labors of those disinterested patriots, Quaker, and philanthropist, Charles Sumner, Nathaniel Philpott, William Jay, Garrison, and many other kindred spirits, teaches it imperative that the ideas hereinfore entertained by mankind must be rejected. If the work, be now abandoned and regarded as obsolete. Therefore, by decree and ordinance, that, now, henceforth, and forever, the Negro be considered as a white man, as that he be endowed with all the political and social rights and privileges of white men;

and that he be taken and dealt with, especially, by all officers, as good as white men of the said colonies, because of the philanthropic sentiments, and that he be recommended for re-employment with the daughters of all obloquers, who, doubtless, will be repaid by the pronounce of the pronouncement of the righteous decree. The Commander-in-Chief congratulates the people of this Department in the greatest and most frequent charges in the status of the Negro, and expresses his regret that he should have been so long a subject of a block error, which has so long prevailed in the mind as the result of an unfortunate optical illusion.

3. That as a necessary result of the foregoing decree, the Commander-in-Chief, by order, that the Negro be no longer called