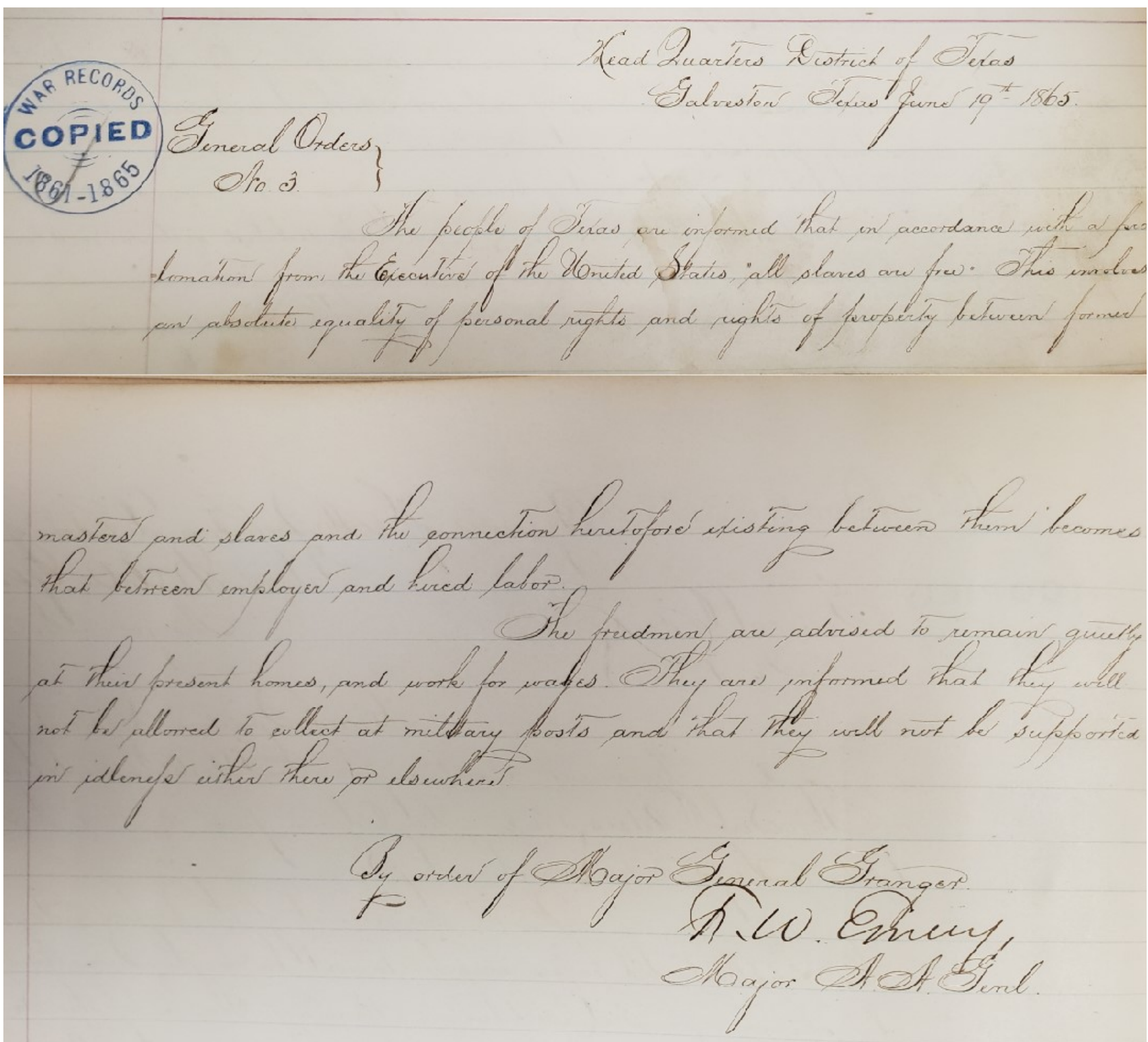




**“To bring all Americans together to enjoy our common bond of freedom through the recognition, observance, education and historic preservation of Juneteenth in America.” - Founder Rev. Ronald V. Myers Sr. M.D.**

### **Juneteenth**

General Order #3 Posted on the door of the Colored Church (present-day Reedy Chapel)  
in Galveston Texas on June 19, 1865



“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves. The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes, and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts; and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.”

by order of Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger  
signed F.W. Emery  
Major A.A. Genl