LOYALTY

Almost immediately after taking command of Missouri, the Union officer issued martial law on the state's civilians. Maintaining order became especially important as violence spread across the state. To prevent such acts, the Provost Marshal and the Union authorities declared martial law on the state of Missouri. Those who spoke freely against the martial law, as the Union, and those who accepted the Union flag, were to be killed, and their property seized, or could become the target of violent retribution.

"The work of collecting the arms in the hands of delinquent persons in compliance with your order is being prosecuted as promptly as possible with the small force I have on hand, in such manner as to create as little disturbance as the nature of the case will permit."

VIGILANTE JUSTICE

As always, the Union army continued its war against secession. As Union forces approached the city of St. Louis, Confederate forces retreated. They destroyed the foundry and the bridge at St. Charles to prevent Union forces from entering.

"Taking the Loyalty Oath at the Provost Marshal's Office"

1861 - 1865