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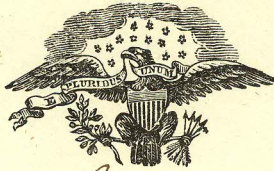
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OATH OF OFFICERS.

One to accompany the accept-
officer appointed or commis-
the oath itself to be admin-
tered into the service



ance of every commissioned
sioned by the President, and
istered to every officer mus-
of the United States.

S. Oliver O Howard, having been appointed
a *Brigadier General* in the **MILITARY**
SERVICE of the United States, do solemnly swear that I have
never voluntarily **BORNE ARMS** against the United States since I
have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no **AID,**
COUNTENANCE, COUNSEL, or ENCOURAGEMENT to persons engaged in **ARMED HOSTILITY**
thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted
to exercise the functions of **ANY OFFICE WHATSOEVER,** under any
authority, or pretended authority, **IN HOSTILITY** to the United States;
that I have not yielded a voluntary **SUPPORT** to any **PRETENDED**
GOVERNMENT, AUTHORITY, POWER, or CONSTITUTION within the United States,
HOSTILE or INIMICAL thereto. And I do further swear that, to
the best of my knowledge and ability, I will **SUPPORT and DEFEND**
the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES** against all enemies, **FOREIGN and**
DOMESTIC; that I will bear true **FAITH and ALLEGIANCE** to the same;
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or
purpose of evasion; and that I will **WELL and FAITHFULLY** discharge the
DUTIES of the **OFFICE** on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at *Washington DC*
this *22^d* day of *May*, 1865.

Major + Judge Advocate

Washington D.C.
May 22, 1865
Brig Gen^l L. Thomas
Adjutant General U.S.A.

General I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Commission as Brigadier General
U.S.A. to rank from 21st day of December 1864
and to acknowledge my acceptance thereof.

I am Thirty five years of age
and my place of residence when appointed was
Augusta Maine. Maine is the state of my
nativity

Enclosed please find Oath of Office
duly signed & sworn to.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

O. O. Howson
Brig Genl U.S.A.
Major Genl U.S.A.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, May 6th, 1865.

Sir:

I forward herewith your commission of

Brigadier General,

your receipt and acceptance of which you will please acknowledge without delay, reporting at the same time your age and residence when appointed, the State where born, and your full name, correctly written. Fill up, subscribe, and return as soon as possible, the accompanying oath, duly and carefully executed.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. J. Chaffin.

Maj. Adjutant General.
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Brigadier General Oliver O. Howard,

U. S. Army.

Confidg Army of the Tennessee.

May 6th 1865.