

# ProQuest Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations 1789-Present

*Explore numbered and unnumbered Executive Orders, Presidential Proclamations and pardons, historic correspondence, national security directives, homeland security directives and statements of Administration policy.*



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## CRUCIAL FOR BETTER RESEARCH

An executive order or other Presidential directive is often crucial to a researcher seeking to understand the entirety of a policy, process, or legal issue. The challenge for librarians, faculty, and other researchers is that many historic Presidential directives, especially those issued prior to 1936, are:

- Unnumbered
- Difficult to identify and locate
- Not included in any collection online anywhere
- Located in many different places
- Not easily searchable with congressional content

## WHAT ARE EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND OTHER PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES?

In modern times a collection of Executive Orders and Proclamations appears as a numbered series that is published in the Federal Register and cumulated annually in Title 3 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Historically, the majority of publications representing the exercise of Presidential authority were not numbered and many were not even printed as official documents. From our Nation's founding to the present day, Presidents have exercised their authority in a variety of ways, and even today a President is not strictly limited to a single format or process.

Many historic documents that contain directives specifically ordered by the President are included, even though they were not signed by the President. The name of the official who signed the document on behalf of the President, such as the Secretary of a department, is noted in the metadata.

The addition of Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations 1789-Present to ProQuest Congressional will complement both legislative and other executive branch content and, in many cases, provide the "missing piece" needed to provide researchers with the complete picture of an historic event or social trend. Our metadata ensures that users will be able to obtain maximum research value from this content.

This database is continually updated with new content related to presidential authority. Recently added materials reflect the COVID-19 pandemic, including relevant executive orders, proclamations, memoranda, messages and remarks from the White House Coronavirus Task Force press briefings.

## THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION AVAILABLE

Offering users a richer, more complete research experience, ProQuest makes available a unique collection of publications expressing Presidential exercise of authority, including all numbered Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations, as well as many other types of Presidential directives.

Our experienced editors worked with numerous librarians and archivists at National Archives and Records Administration, Library of Congress, Federal agencies and academic institutions to identify and select documents. Historic documents providing evidence on the exercise of Presidential power include documents labeled directive, administrative order, military order, and general order. Some orders were issued as circulars or notices of withdrawal and reservation of public lands. Other orders were issued as Presidential letters that directed an official to take a certain action.

To enable researchers to understand more fully the exercise of Presidential authority from historic to modern times, this collection also includes Presidential pardons, national security directives, homeland security directives, and statements of Administration policy.

And, because our collection is cross-searchable with all other ProQuest Congressional content, researchers can examine the role of executive orders in the U.S. legal system, and easily locate specific orders by subject, agency, or document number.

ProQuest is the only place to go for:

- The most comprehensive collection of publications expressing Presidential authority available anywhere, including an extensive collection of unnumbered documents and pre-1936 content
- A collection created on a document-by-document basis from key archives, government offices and libraries with the consultation of archivists and librarian expertise
- Fully searchable PDFs, accessible through subject, numeric, and keyword search
- Rich metadata that includes title; annotations; date; Administration; official series numbers; Federal Register citation; personal names; organizations; geographic locations; special indexing for orders concerning public lands; Federal agency names

**RECEIVED**  
**JAN 16 1925**  
 U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

**Executive Order.**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States of America, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Act of Congress approved on June 7, 1924, entitled, "An Act to Provide for the protection of forest lands, for the reforestation of denuded areas, for the extension of National Forests, and for other purposes, in order to promote the continuous production of timber on lands chiefly suitable therefor", the following described lands which comprise a part of the Camp Jackson Military Reservation in the State of South Carolina, and which, in the opinion of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Agriculture, are suitable for the production of timber, hereby are established as a National Forest, to wit:

All of that part of the Camp Jackson Military Reservation as shown upon the map hereto attached and made a part hereof.

The National Forest hereby created shall be known as the Jackson National Forest.

The said Jackson National Forest shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture under such rules and regulations and in accordance with such general plans as may be jointly approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of War, for the use, occupation and protection of such lands and for the sale of products therefrom.

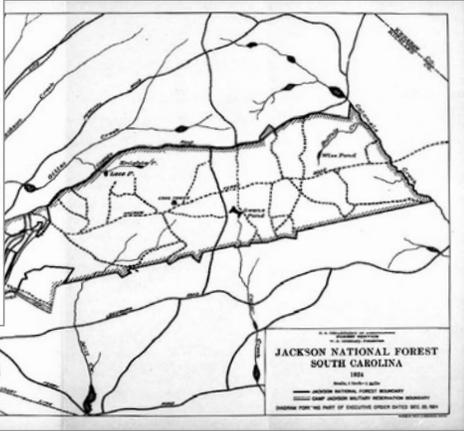
The lands comprising the said Jackson National Forest shall remain subject to the unhampered use of the War Department for purposes of national defense and nothing in this order shall be construed to affect or restrict the authority over such land for purposes of national defense now vested in the Secretary of War.

The articles of war and all other laws, rules and regulations applicable to the military establishment continue in full force and effect at all times and under all conditions upon all lands included in the Jackson National Forest hereby created except in so far as they are inconsistent with Section 9 of said Act of June 7, 1924.

**CALVIN COOLIDGE**

The White House,  
 December 29, 1924.

[No. 4115]



Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America,  
 to all to whom these presents shall come:

Whereas James Thomson Callender, late of the District of Virginia, was lately convicted in the Circuit Court of the United States for the same District, of a misdemeanor, or misdemeanors, in making, selling and publishing certain false, scandalous and malicious writings; and thereupon the said James Thomson Callender was adjudged by the said Court, among other things, to be imprisoned for the space of eight months, and to pay to the use of the United States, as fine of two hundred Dollars, by the receipt thereof remaining in the same Court, all more fully upon: Therefore I, Thomas Jefferson, President of

**DID YOU KNOW?** ProQuest Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamation includes: all numbered executive orders, maps and other attachments, links between related executive orders, complete collection of Presidential pardons, historic correspondence related to Executive Orders, and directives related to events in U.S. history and current events.

**VALUE-ADDED EDITORIAL CONTENT INCLUDES:**

- Bibliographic data, with annotations where needed
- Harmonized subject indexing to facilitate retrieval as stand-alone content type or in conjunction with other ProQuest Congressional content
- Additional descriptor indexing, including special indexing for public land orders; geographic terms; personal names; Federal agencies; links to earlier and subsequent affected orders and related orders
- Descriptive titles as needed
- Signer of order
- Official numbers in different numbering systems, including official numbered series and public land order numbers
- Orders previously classified as confidential are noted
- Federal Register references
- Authorizing legislation noted

**COMMON TYPES OF ACTIONS REPRESENTED**

- Creation and organization of Federal executive agencies
- Establishment of administrative and personnel policies for Federal agencies
- Directions for Federal agencies to take specific actions
- Directions for and authorization of specific military actions
- Administration of public lands
- Public announcement of foreign treaties and conventions
- Declaration of public observances
- Award of military and civilian honors
- Grant of Presidential pardon or clemency
- Appointment to public office

**HOW WERE DOCUMENTS CHOSEN FOR INCLUSION?**

Unnumbered executive orders were identified by executive order labels, Presidential signature, or by the presence of a stamp, seal, or other symbol or phrase indicating that although they were signed by a lesser official, they were approved by the President.

*I am glad that you  
 let me see the mounted  
 men with him from  
 especially as it is  
 that some of those  
 Georgia, may not  
 after their term  
 expires. Instruct  
 to attack any post  
 by Spanish troops  
 the possibility, the  
 being the allied  
 W.*

Jan 30. 1818.

January 30th 1818  
 President of the U. States  
 I am glad that General Jackson  
 takes the mounted men with him  
 from Tennessee especially  
 as it is probable that some of  
 those, from Georgia, may  
 return home after their term  
 of service expires. Instruct him  
 not to attack any post

Beverly, Massachusetts,  
 September 13, 1909.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I send you in letter form my conclusions in re Glavin's charges and other matters. I have studiously refrained from mentioning Pinchot's name in the matter because I do not wish to make it impossible for him to remain in the service. I value him highly as a public servant and believe him capable of further great usefulness. His weakness has been an inability to credit high and honorable motives to others who differ with him as to his method of doing things when he is pursuing a worthy object with all the enthusiasm of his nature. I knew him well and am very fond of him personally and seem, if possible, in spite of this defect, to preserve his great ability, valuable experience and his patriotic disinterested-

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 WASHINGTON  
 March 29, 1916.

My dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature on, should it meet with your approval, a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, directing him to permit the exportation of 1,000 pounds of dynamite, boxes of caps, and 1,000 feet of fuse, to be used by the San Diego and Arizona Railway Company in reconstruction work on its line in Lower California, Mexico.

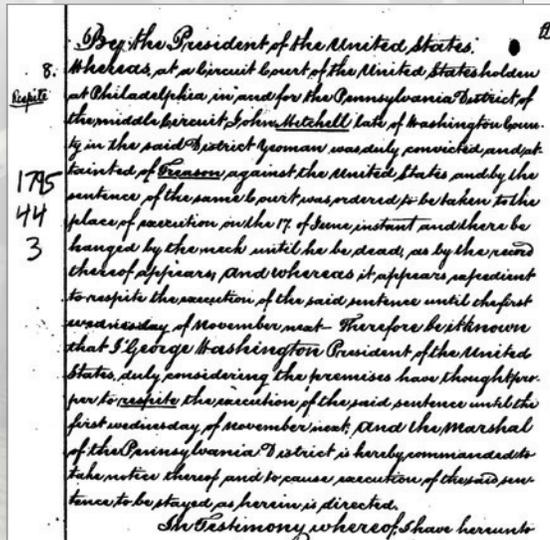
## UNDERSTAND THE EVOLUTION OF PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY

Compare the use of Presidential directives in context of other ProQuest Congressional content to which your institution may have access.

Examples:

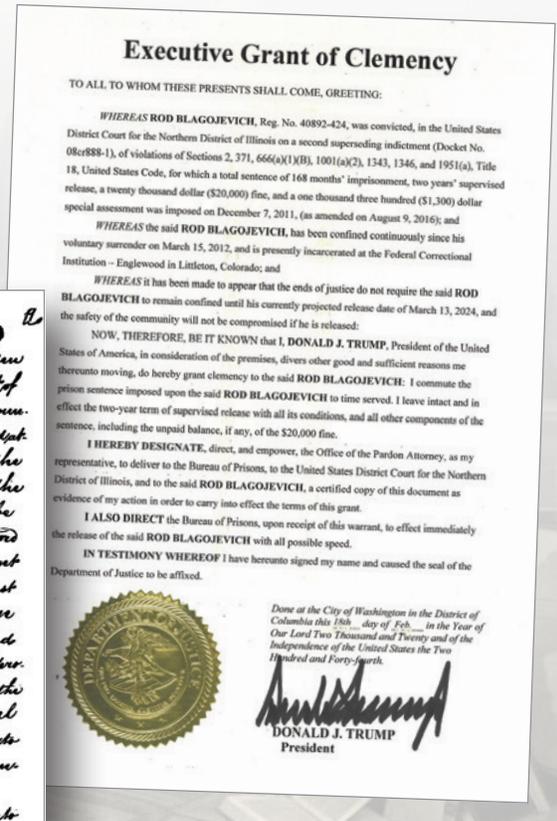
- **June 20, 1867:** President Andrew Johnson issued a directive interpreting the Reconstruction Acts
- **June 14, 1905:** President Theodore Roosevelt directed the State Department to issue rules to ensure that the Chinese Exclusion Act is not enforced harshly
- **February 19, 1942:** In Executive Order 9066, President Franklin Roosevelt created military areas from which persons could be excluded, opening up the way for internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II
- **July 26, 1948:** In Executive Order 9981, President Harry Truman desegregated the U.S. Armed services

By enabling the user to compare actions of the current Administration with actions of past Administrations, our unique collection facilitates understanding of the use of executive authority throughout our nation's history.



## IDEAL FOR LEGAL, HISTORICAL, AND ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS

This unique resource is ideal for legal researchers and main library academic researchers interested in U.S. History, government, foreign relations, military history, Presidential powers and specific administrations, the New Deal, economics, education, public lands, environmental and energy studies, Native American studies, African American studies, and Women's studies. The collection is suitable for graduate and undergraduate students, law school and main campus librarians assisting faculty and student research, and faculty.



## COMPLETE THE PICTURE WITH COMPLEMENTARY RESOURCES:

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- ProQuest History Vault
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