

Handout B: A Proclamation

1. Abraham Lincoln wrote the proclamation in 1862.
2. The document announces that all persons discouraging enlistments, resisting drafts, guilty of disloyal practices, or giving aid to the rebels will be subject to martial law. It also states that the writ of habeas corpus is suspended with respect to all people arrested under military authority.
3. The reasons given are to suppress insurrection through a draft and restrain disloyal people from aiding the insurrection.