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Summary Information

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Historical Note

Powell Clayton (1833-1914) was a Union general who settled in Arkansas after the Civil War and became governor during the Reconstruction period. He participated in the Battle of Helena, the campaign against Little Rock, and the Camden Expedition. After the war, he entered politics in Arkansas by helping to form the state's Republican Party and was inaugurated governor on July 2, 1868. Soon after, there was an outbreak of violence from the KKK against African Americans and Republicans, including an assassination attempt against Clayton himself. He responded to this by organizing the State Militia and declaring martial law in parts of the state, which was effective.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a proclamation from Governor Powell Clayton proclaiming martial law in Ashley, Bradley, Columbia, Lafayette, Mississippi, Woodruff, Craighead, Green, Sevier, and Little River Counties, due to Ku Klux Klan activity.

Administrative Information

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