

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, Oct. 30, 1863.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 142. }

I. The requirements of the army making it necessary that the present supply of artillery horses and other field transportation be carefully husbanded, and a more perfect system of supply adopted, Major A. H. Cole, Inspector General of Field Transportation, in addition to his present duties, is hereby charged with this duty.

II. Under his orders all inspections, purchases, impressments and issues of field transportation (including artillery horses) will be made, and recruiting, fabricating and repairing done throughout the Confederate States; and all other officers are prohibited from purchasing or disposing of this description of property, except such as may be specially authorized to purchase by the Commanding General of an army, whose field of operation in such cases shall be confined to the limits of the army and the country immediately in the advance; and under no circumstances will such officers be allowed to purchase within any district of country to which a regularly appointed purchasing officer has been assigned.

III. The Quartermaster General is authorized to district the Confederate States for the purposes named, and will assign officers to the duty, who will control the subject within their respective districts, under such rules and regulations as he may establish.

IV. Officers charged with inspection of field transportation are authorized to make inspections any where within the limits of their assignment, and to condemn, and order to be turned in to the nearest post quartermaster, all artillery horses and other transportation found unserviceable, to be so disposed of as the chief inspector of the district may direct.

V. Chief quartermasters of armies or quartermasters at posts other than those in the field, will make their estimates on the chief inspector of the district for such field transportation as they may require. When necessary for the protection of parties collecting animals near the enemy's lines, a cavalry escort will be furnished by the nearest commander of troops.

VI. The horses and other property in use in the Commissary department must not be impressed by officers of any other department.

By order.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*