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No. 8.

July 18, 1868. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

## A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble.  
1868, ch. 70, § 3.  
*Ante*, p. 74.

WHEREAS by an act of Congress, entitled "An act to admit the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida to representation in Congress," passed the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, it is declared that it is made the duty of the President, within ten days after receiving official information of the ratification by the legislature of either of said States of a proposed amendment to the Constitution, known as article fourteen, to issue a proclamation announcing that fact;

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And whereas, on the eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, a letter was received by the President, which letter being addressed to the President, bears date of July fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and was transmitted by and under the name of R. K. Scott, who therein writes himself Governor of South Carolina, in which letter was enclosed, and received at the same time by the President, a paper purporting to be a resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, ratifying the said proposed amendment, and also purporting to have passed the two said Houses, respectively, on the seventh and ninth of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and to have been approved by the said R. K. Scott as Governor of said State on the fifteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, which circumstances are attested by the signatures of D. T. Corbin, as President *pro tempore* of the Senate, and of F. J. Moses, Jr., as Speaker of the House of Representatives of said State, and of the said R. K. Scott as Governor.

Fourteenth  
amendment to  
the constitution  
ratified by  
South Carolina.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, in compliance with and execution of the act of Congress aforesaid, do issue this, my proclamation, announcing the fact of the ratification of the said amendment by the legislature of the State of South Carolina in the manner hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed these presents with my hand, and have caused the seal of the United States to be hereto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of the In-  
[L. s.] dependence of the United States of America the ninety-third.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

WM. H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

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