

Unsigned Memorandum Given to J.A. Campbell, April 5, 1865

As to peace, I have said before, and now repeat, that three things are indispensable:

1. The restoration of the national authority throughout the United States.
2. No receding by the executive of the United States on the slavery question from the position assumed thereon in the late annual message, and in preceding documents.
3. No cessation of hostilities short of an end of war, and the disbanding of all forces hostile to the government. That all propositions coming from those now on hostility to the government, not inconsistent with the foregoing, will be respectfully considered and passed upon in a spirit of sincere liberality.

I now add that it seems useless for me to be more specific with those who will not say that they are ready for the indispensable terms, even on conditions to be named by themselves. If there be any who are ready for these indispensable terms, on any conditions whatever let them say so and state their conditions so that the conditions can be known and considered. It is further added, that the remission of confiscation being within the executive power, if the war be now further persisted in by those opposing the government, the making of confiscated property at the least to beat the additional cost will be insisted on, but that confiscations (except in case of third party intervening interests) will be remitted to the people of any State which shall now promptly and in good faith withdraw its troops from further resistance to the government. What is now said as to the remission of confiscation has no reference to supposed property of slaves.

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