

Death of Senator Douglas—Order of the Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, June 4, 1861.

The death of a great statesman, in this hour of peril, cannot be regarded otherwise than as a national calamity. Stephen A. Douglas expired in the commercial capital of Illinois, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. A representative of the overpowering sentiment enlisted in the cause in which they are engaged; a man who nobly discarded party for country; a Senator who forgot all prejudices in an earnest desire to serve the public; a statesman who lately received for the Chief Magistracy of the United States, a vote second only to that by which the President was elected, and who had every reason to look forward to a long career of usefulness and honor. A patriot who defended with equal zeal and ability, the Constitution as it came to us from our fathers, and whose last mission upon earth was that of rallying the people of his own State of Illinois as one man around the glorious flag of the Union, has been called from the scenes of life and the field of his labors. This Department recognizing in his decease a loss, in common with the whole country, and profoundly sensible of the grief it will excite among millions of men, hereby advises the Colonels of the different regiments to have this order read to-morrow to their respective commands, and suggests that the colors of the Republic be draped in mourning, in honor of the illustrious dead.

(Signed) SIMON CAMERON, Sec'y of War.