

Robert B. Nay certificate of pardon

This certificate grants Robert B. Nay a full and unconditional pardon from prison at New Orleans in the Eastern District Louisiana. The certificate is signed by Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and William H. Seward, Secretary of State. Nay was convicted of defrauding the government of the United States and was sentenced to confinement and labor for a period of twenty years. Generals Prentiss and Butler spoke on his behalf stating that Nay's offences were not the result of deliberate purposes of fraud but rather of impulse and the force of surrounding circumstances, which resulted in his pardon.

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Abraham Lincoln,

President of the United States of America.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, one Robert B. Nay, formerly of Genesee County, New York, is now imprisoned at New Orleans, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, convicted of defrauding the Government of the United States, and under sentence of confinement and labor for the period of twenty years in the penitentiary of the said State;

And whereas, it is shown that the said Robert B. Nay entered the service of the United States from patriotic motives, that he has performed perilous and important duty under Generals Prentiss and Butler, and that his offences were not the result of deliberate purposes of fraud, but rather of impulse and the force of surrounding circumstances;

And whereas, Maj. Gen. Butler, Brig. Gen. Prentiss, Hon. Ira Harris, C. H. Browning, Reverdy Johnson, and other citizens holding high official position have besought me to extend my Executive clemency to the said Robert B. Nay;

Now, therefore, be it known,

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