

# Executive Grant of Clemency

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

*WHEREAS* Lieutenant Henry Ossian Flipper, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, United States Army, was convicted on December 8, 1881, of Conduct Unbecoming an Officer by General Court-Martial convened at Fort Davis, Texas, and sentenced to be dismissed from the Army effective June 30, 1882; and

*WHEREAS* on November 17, 1976, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records concluded that Lieutenant Flipper's overall military service was honorable and that his military records should be changed to reflect that he served honorably; and

*WHEREAS* on February 8, 1977, Lieutenant Flipper's dismissal was changed to an honorable discharge; and

*WHEREAS* the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice have recommended executive clemency for Lieutenant Flipper:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN*, that I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do hereby grant a full and unconditional pardon to Lieutenant Henry Ossian Flipper for the above-described offense against the United States.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the Department of Justice to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this  
nineteenth day of February  
in the year of our Lord nineteen  
hundred and ninety-nine and of the  
Independence of the United States  
the two hundred and twenty-third.



William J. Clinton