

# Where Ford Got Power to Pardon

Washington

Article II of the Constitution defines the powers and duties of the presidency, and gives the chief executive power to grant "pardons for offenses against the United States."

Article II, Section II, Paragraph I states:

"The President shall be commander - in - chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the mi-

litia of the several states, when called into the actual service of the United States; he may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment."

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