

Charleston S.C.

July 7th 1864

Handwritten notes in left margin:
I have never
written
Richd

General

Since my entrance in
the Service of the C.S. (March 1st) to
the present time I have endeavored
to perform, to the best of my ability,
my duty without fear or favor.
That I have not been entirely
satisfied with the honor to refer you to the
your Resolutions of the Conf. Congress
which, I am indirectly informed, have
been passed, through my trip
myself for our success. but it
appears from the following facts
marked from 1 to 8. that I do not
possess the confidence & support
of the ~~Conf~~ Administration, which,
if it be so, must necessarily lead
 sooner or later, to disastrous con-
sequences. As I had only one
object in view, the success of our
cause. I beg to be relieved from
command until such time as
I may be assured of the good
will & support of the Govt. The
facts referred to are as follows:

1. The Difficulty with Major Childs. See papers in the ^{case}
2. *Ditto* " " " " " " " "
3. Accusation of Hon. Secy of War, in a letter
to Col. W.P. Miles, that I had been surprised
by the Enemy when he landed on Morris Isl,
July 10th 1863. *over*

Lawrence, Regt Gen. Col. 1st
of 1864

4. Repeated applications for a Chief
Commissary to my Dept. not granted
5. Arbitrary ruling of the War Dept.
relative to the arrest of Brig. Gen. E. Ross
for drunkenness ^{ordering his} destruction to duty
6. Ditto relative to Majors Locke &
Allen, Comm. in Ga., arrested for dis-
obedience to orders, but restored to duty
7. The persistent refusal of the War Dept.
to promote any of my Brig. Gen's ~~for~~
~~captains~~ who had distinguished themselves
during the defence of Charleston, & sending
men, two Major Gen's not belonging to my Dept.
to command therein.
8. Refusing to order me into the field when
I had repeatedly applied for a transfer
since in the field, owing to my bad health
at Charleston.

Charleston S.C.

Feb'y 7-1864

D. S. Heamings
Gen. S. Conroy

Proposed letter to
Gen. Sam. Cooper
E. relative to my
plaints & application
for a relief from
command

On reflection this
letter was not sent
G. S. H.

Johnson
Hagood
Brig Genl
"Royals"
James
Island
So. Ca,

5-

Charleston S. C. Feby 26th 1864

Order one Company, S. C.
Seige Train (the one with
the 30 pdr Parrott guns) with
ample ammunition, 5 days
rations and their transporta-
tion to repair at once to Lake
City Florida and report to
the officer commanding
at that point.

By Command Genl. Beauregard
Signed Geo W. Ctery,
A. A. Genl

Duplicate of above dispatch
sent to Brig Genl H. W. Mercer
directing similar movement
of one Co of the Georgia Seige
Train from Savannah.

55

Bragg
Raxton
Seidl
wards in
Chief
Richmond
Va.

Charleston S.C. April 17th 1864
8-h-A.M.

Is it not likely Enemy will
operate from Newberry or
Goldstboro & Raleigh if so is
it not advisable to concentrate
about Goldstboro - Will my
base be on Richmond or
Wilmington.

(Sgd) G. J. Bearreard

Whiting
N.C.
aj Genl
Wilmington
N.C.

Charleston S.C. April 17th 1864
Am ordered to Weldon for
present but am desirous
to see you as I pass through
Wilmington on Wednesday
about 10 h -

(Sgd) G. J. Bearreard
General

J. M. O. A. A. S.

59.

Cooper
Genl
A and S
Genl
Richmond
Va.

Charleston S. C. April 19th 1864.
Telegram of 18th inst - received -
Order for movement will be
issued. but - I beg earnestly
to call attention of War Depart.
ment - to fact that First - So. Co.
and eight - companies of Twelfth
Twentyeth So. Ca. Regts are essen-
tial as artillerists for defence
of Batteries on Sullivan's Island
& shall order be carried out -
please answer.

(Sgd) G. T. Bearreard
Genl Comdg.

Walker
W. P.
Brig Genl
Comdg
rd Milty
Dist -
Pocotaligo
Fla.

Charleston S. C. April 19th 1864.
Come here soon as practicable
with your personal Staff for
further orders. turn over your
Command temporarily to
next in rank with all nec-
essary transportation

(Sgd) G. T. Bearreard

Charleston, S. C., April 20, 1864.

Circular

Officers and Soldiers.

By an order of his Excellency the President, I am relieved temporarily from the command of this Dept. by Maj. Gen. Saml. Jones, to be assigned to another important command. I leave with the assurance that you will transfer to my successor, a meritorious Officer of the Armies of Virginia and Tennessee, that confidence and spirit of prompt obedience to orders, which have contributed so much to your success heretofore.

Should you ever become discouraged, remember that a People, from whom have sprung such soldiers as those who defended Wagner and Sumter, can never be subjugated in a War of Independence.

G. J. Beauregard.
Genl. Comdg.

Bragg,
Braxton
General,

Weldon N.C. April 23rd 1864.

Memoranda for General Bragg.

Supposing this Department was to form
around a part of my former Department, I brought with
Army's me, & ordered to report to me here, (before leaving
Sed. Charleston,) without further reference to the War
Department, the following officers, who, I hope,
will be allowed to remain with me.

Officers brought with me; Capt. Geo. M. Steyer,
& Alb. Terry, et, et, Lieutenants,

Officers ordered here; Col. W. B. Harris, Engineer
Major Henry Bryan & Giles B. Cooke, A.A.S. as Inspectors

Officers required to complete my General Staff.

1 Chief of Staff.

Brig. Genl. Thomas Jordan, if his services can be
obtained; otherwise, Col. W. B. Grant or Major W. H.
Melton, or Col. George Williamson, who was A.A. Genl.
to Genl. Polk at Corinth.

2 Chief of Artillery.

Lieut. Col. Le. Jones, now Chief of Artillery to Genl.
Mercer for the District of Georgia.

3 Chief of Ordnance.

Lieut Col. J. H. Maddy, now Chief of Ordnance, Dept So. Sea, Ga & Fla, as soon as he can be spared; if he cannot; then, Capt J. Harding, in charge of Capt Factory near Savannah, a very good Ordnance officer (of General Bragg's choice) who is intelligent, energetic and prompt, and has system and order.

Lieut Edmund Mayock, as apt and officer, now Chief of Ordnance to Brig Genl Magraw in James Island, Dept So. Sea, Ga & Fla.

4 Inspector General.

Lieut Col Alfred Roman, now Inspector General Dept So. Sea, Ga & Fla, as soon as he can be spared.

5 Medical Director.

Dr R. S. Prodic, now Med Director Dept So. Sea, Ga & Fla, as soon as he can be spared.

Remarks.

Lieut Col Roman & Dr Prodic as indispensable. I should like to have them ordered to report to me as soon as they can be spared from their present duties.

Lieut Col Roman is fully deserving of promotion to the rank of Colonel; he commanded with distinction the 18th La Regt at Shiloh, and has done excellent service in the Dept of So. Sea, Ga & Fla, since he reported there in Oct 1862.

Majr Henry Bryan is also a most meritorious officer; zealous, intelligent and brave; he is one of the most vigilant and searching inspectors I have yet seen; nothing escapes his notice; he was wounded in Virginia whilst A. A. Genl, to Major General Magraw.

Captain Stey is one of the best Capt Adj Genl.

in the service; prompt, energetic, intelligent, zealous, methodical and indefatigable in the discharge of his arduous duties; he has been one of my Adjutant Generals since Chautauque, and should be made at least Lieut Col. He is in charge of my office as Adjutant General.

J. H. H. H.
J. E. H.

Head Quarters Dept N.C., & So. Va.
Weldon N.C. May 4th, 1864.

Major Genl. General:
H. H. H.

I am directed by the Commanding General to inform you that it has been reported to these Head Quarters by one of the Inspectors of the Department, under date of the 2^d Inst., that the order of the Commanding General assuming command of this Dept., has not been promulgated to the troops in Brig Genl. Chignaw's command or to the Washington Artillery.

It is his desire that the order be promulgated as soon as possible.

Respy Your Obedt Servant

A. A. G.

Agent
Wilmington
Weldon
N.C.

Head Quarters Dept N.C., & So. Va.
Weldon N.C. May 4th, 1864.

Sir:

The Commanding General desires that you hold the transportation of your road, except that now employed in transporting troops from Wilmington to Weldon, in readiness to transport

or news ordered by the War Department
at these Head Quarters.

By Order of Genl Beauregard
J. M. S.

Wm. J. Nelson, A. C. Apr 23rd 1864
L. B. By orders from the War Department
I will have delivered to you the negro
Kaleigh, prisoners captured at Plymouth, and just
at C. your escort, and the slaves captured at
Wilmington A. C. Have written you today
G. T. S.

Soulié
Pierre.
Nov.

Nelson, A. L., Apr 25/64
3. P. M.

Your supposition may be correct,
but it may also be a feint: few days
Richard will now decide the question.

For

J. M. B.

Moore,
A. A.
Surgeon,
General,
Richmond,
Va.

Head Quarters Dept of the Potomac,
Waldorf, Md. Apr 28th, 1864.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th April has been received, and in reply, I have the honor to request that the subject matter thereof may be referred to Maj. Paul Jones, my successor in the Dept of the Potomac.

It is much to be regretted that the gallant men who were wounded in the late campaign should have been so unnecessarily exposed to so much suffering and hardships; but by reference to the books of the A. S. G. office in the Dept of the Potomac, it will be seen that proper instructions were given on or about the 7th of Dec last, to carry out your views;

The records of the Department referred to were, of course, left with my successor at Charleston.

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Drayton,
Wm. A. R.
General,
General;

Head Quarters Dept of the Potomac,
Waldorf, Md. Apr 28th, 1864.

Sir:

I received at Charleston, on the eve of my departure for this place, your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing a communication from Col. Sargent, Chief of Ordnance, relating to the proper proportion of Light Artillery in our Armies, and asking my views on the subject. Having paid lately special attention to that arm of the service, I fully concur in the opinion expressed by Col. S. that, three guns per thousand men, or five to six Brigades of about

1500 men, are amply sufficient for an Army in the field; * but when, ^{that is} defending a position or guarding a defensive line, local circumstances, more than the number of men under arms, should determine the quantity and quality (calibres) of the Artillery required.

Of the number of pieces accepted as necessary to an Army in the field, only about one fourth or one fifth should be reflex guns; of which about four fifths should be 80 par Parrots, and the remaining one fifth, 20 par Parrots; the rest of the Artillery of an Army in the field should be light 12 par Napoleons, if practicable.

There should seldom be more than four pieces to a Battery, which should never contain more than two different calibres.

The Guns and caissons of a Battery must each be drawn by not less than six stout horses, for the distances traped over by our Armies are great, and the roads are generally bad; heavy 12 par Napoleons, 24 par Howitzers and 20 par Parrots should be drawn by eight horses to each piece.

The Light Artillery of an Army should be organized into Battalions of four Batteries (sixteen pieces) each, attached to the Divisions or Corps of an Army. One fifth of the whole Artillery should be held in reserve under the charge of the Chief of Artillery of the Army, who should be, moreover, the Inspector de facto of all Light Batteries.

Thus, an Army of sixty thousand men, Infantry and Cavalry, divided into forty brigades, (ten Divisions,) would contain two hundred pieces.

* Rapidity of movement and accuracy of fire are the great requisites in battle.

of Artillery, of which one fifth (40 pieces) should be held in reserve.

These 200 pieces should be formed into 12 Battalions and 2 Batteries, containing in all 50 Batteries, of which 15 or 160 pieces should be 12 lb or Napoleon, and 50 or 40 pieces should be 8 lb or 9 lb guns, of which 4/5 should be 10 lb or Parrots and the other 1/5 should be 20 lb or Parrots.

Such is the general organization I would adopt for an Army in the field, subject to slight modifications, according to circumstances.

I remain, General,

Respy Your Obedt Servt,

Blair
6th

Head Quarters Dept of the South, Va.
Melan, N.C., Apr 28th, 1864.

Troop, Colonel;

I am directed by the commanding General to request that you furnish these Head Quarters with the present status of your Command; that is; whether it is a State organization, for duty in the State alone, or whether it has been turned over to the Fedl Government, as a part of the quota of the troops of North Carolina.

You will also please report whether the 6th Co. is provisioned and clothed by the Fedl Government, and also, whether it is paid by the State of North Carolina or the Confederate States.

You will please add every other pertinent circumstance that may bear on the subject.

Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
A. S. G.

Watus,

H. H. Co,

Wm. Paul,

Wilmington, Va. & Raleigh,

A. Co

Weldan A. Co Apr 29/64.

The captured negroes have been

ordered by the War Dept to be sent to

W. H. Co

The Papers of P. G. T. Beauregard, Library of Congress
Reel 6, Frame 714

Whiting,
W. H. Co.

Kinston, N.C. May 2^d 1864.
Saddles have been ordered by War Dept.
Maj Genl. to be turned over to Gen Vance, who has been
Wilmington, requested to send them to you.
A.C.

Cooper,

Head Quarters Dept. Ark. & So. Va.

May 6th 1864

S. General, General:

Mr. S. G. I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of my memoranda to Genl Bragg, with a tabular statement showing the number of Officers I have, the number I am allowed in the Staff, General's Dept, under G.O. No 44, from your office, and beg to request your early attention to the same.

Since Brig Genl Jordan has been relieved from General Staff duty, and as the services of neither Col Brent nor Major Melton can be obtained, I respectfully, but urgently, request that Col Samuel B. Paul, of Petersburg, Va, may be appointed to fill the vacancy of the Sr Asst. Genl on my Staff.

In this connection, I would also request that, Col. St. Roman, Lt. Col; ~~Leut~~ Lt. Col. C. S. Jones, Provisional Artillery, Major E. A. de Lorde, Sr Master, and Surgeon N. S. Brodie be ordered to report to me at once.

You are too well aware of the importance of a competent Staff in the present emergency, for me to endeavor to impose it upon you.

The various depts of which I propose to make the aforesaid Officers chiefs, are yet partially unorganized, and it is impossible to

secure cordial cooperation in the various Bureaus,
without experienced and tried officers,

I have the honor to be, General,
Very Respy Your Obedt Servt,

Comd
Officers,
Waters
Battery,

Head Quarters Dept Arty, & So, Va.
May 1st, 1864.

Sir:

You will move, with all possible dispatch,
with your Battery, by highway, following, as
near as possible, the line of Rail Road, to
Petersburg, Va, and report, for duty, and order,
to Maj Genl Sickett, Comd,

By Command of Genl Beauregard,

A. A. S.

Williams,
H. R.,
Captain, Captain,
Comd,

Head Quarters Dept Arty, & So, Va.
Weldon Arty, May 1st, 1864.

Captain:

By direction of the Comd'g Genl, I have the honor to ac-
knowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, and
to direct that you report at once to Col Hewitt, Comd'g Post, for
duty, until otherwise ordered.

In the meantime, it is directed that you make out
rough Muster Rolls, and forward them, together with copies of the
Colonel orders under which your Company was raised, to the A. A. S. O.,
Weldon, to which office you will also apply for assignment to duty.

Respy Your Obedt Servt

A. A. S.

To
Genl & Col
Pickens
Va.

Thomas Jordan Brig Genl P.A.C.S. Charles Crockett Col Va
and Sta, May 8th 1864. Applies for service with Troops from his own
State. Prefers service under Genl Beauregard.

Approved & Res forwarded to the War Department
for its favorable consideration. There are two Virginia Brigades in the Army
without Brig Genls - Shakes & Keupers - the first owing to the promotion of its
Commander & the second, to assignment to duty as Commander of State Reserves.

Brig Genl Thomas Jordan was promoted immediately
after the Battle of Driskill on my recommendation of him for gall and arduous
valuable services in that Battle, for long and faithful services as Simons
only in my office.

I feel confident, no better or more zealous officer
could be assigned to the command of either ^{of these brigades} & I earnestly hope & desire he may
be ordered, as soon as practicable, to report to me for duty as recommended.
By Genl Beauregard 15th May 1864. B.C. Dufield. Sp. Mils from Post,
Walshall Junction Va.

B. R. Johnson, Maj. Genl. Comdg. W. Va. Johnsons

Division, 25th May 1862. Recommends Col Wm. Buller of S.C. for appt-
as Brig Genl + assignment to the commands of Evans Brigade

Respectfully forwarded, I have already recom-
mended for that position. Col Stephen Elliott Jr, but should he not
be appointed, I know no one more worthy of that appointment
than Col Buller. By Genl. Beauregard May 25 1862.

To
J. G. O.
Richmond
Va.

Elliott

Head Quarters, 1st Regt, 1st Div, 1st Army

Stephens

June 10th 1864

Brig Genl General,

Corps 17

I am instructed by the Commanding General to inform you that and I regret to be attached to these 1st Div, has reported that your command is suffering greatly through from body-lice.

You will please give your immediate attention to this matter, and apply such Commanding General as you may deem best to rid Division your command of this evil.

Respectfully, General,

Your Obedt Servt

W. A. H. G.

A. H. G.

Holmes

H^d Qu^{rs} Dept N.C. & So. Wat

F. H.

June 10th 1864

Lt. Genl General,
Comm^d

I am in receipt of a communication from Brig Genl Winder, Comm^d of the 2nd State of Military District (H^d Qu^{rs} at Goldsboro) in N. Carolina which he states that the Reserve forces in his Raleigh District, not being subject to his orders, difficulties might be likely to arise in the event of an immediate necessity for action. You will at once perceive the difficulty of properly handling troops which are not subject to the orders of the commanding officer of the District in which they may be serving. I would respectfully

Reel 6, Frame 518

Harris
A. B.

Colonel & Colonel,
M. Engr

H^d Q^rs Dept A. C. & S. W. Va.
Near Petersburg July 5th 1864

Genl Beauregard directs that you will, with as little delay as practicable, proceed to organize two companies of Engineer Troops for his command, in pursuance of G. O. No 66, A & S. I. C., series 1863.

The selection of the men for these companies will be made as equally as possible from the two Divisions, and with a view to secure the selection of men who will possess the requisite qualifications, you will consult with Maj Gens Hoke & Johnson.

You will also recommend suitable company officers for the two companies when organized.

Respectfully, Your O^b Serv^t

Col & A. A. G.

Harris
A. B.

Colon & Colonel,
M. Engr

H^d Q^rs Dept A. C. & S. W. Va.
July 6th 1864

Genl Beauregard desires that you will have placed some sub-terra shells in front of Colquhoun and Elliott's salients.

Respectfully,
Your O^b Serv^t

Col & A. A. G.

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Charleston S. C.
April 10th 1864.

Gilmer
J. F.
Maj Genl.
Comdg.
Savannah
Ga.

My dear General.

Your favor of the 8th inst. has been received. I fully appreciate the views therein expressed, which are correct, but of difficult execution under present circumstances.

With regard to Genl. ~~H.~~ ^{W.}, I am aware of the objections to him, but my fear was to fare worse. You are no doubt aware that, not those Officers who stand the highest in the estimation of the War Dept are sent here permanently - in fact this has been called the Dept of refuge. Moreover, my recommendations of & applications for Officers are seldom, if ever heeded - With the exception of ^{Brig. Genl. Walker} Col. Colliott & Harris & Capt. Johnson, (the two last, Engineers) not one of my Officers has been promoted since.

Very important

896.

the beginning of the memorable
siege of Charleston, altho I have
recommended several. This is
encouraging neither to myself
nor to those under my orders.

Since your other letter, Maj
Genl. Sam Jones has been ordered
to this Dept. to relieve you -
I hope he will do, but from
what I hear, I fear not.

I have to request that you
will give him, as far as prac-
ticable, the benefit of your
experience & observations, espec-
ially to keep him out of any
"faux pas" or errors - Give him
as full and detailed advice
as possible - providing for
such contingencies as may
happen - I will on my part -
give him such general in-
structions as ought to suffice.

Regretting to lose your services
& with my kind regards to Mrs G.

I remain

Yours very truly

(Signed)

G. B. Beauregard

Beauregard

Anderson
Patton.
aj General
Dwight & C
Camp
Hilton
Fla.

Charleston S.C. April 16th 1864.
Hurry on troops called for -
Send Leige Train to Savannah
and 32 pdr rifled, if not requir-
ed at Baldwin, to St. Marks.
Hold Colgritts Brigade ready to
move at moments notice. act on
defence if necessary.
(Sgd) G. T. Bearrgard

Cooper
Lamb
Genl
dj Genl
Richmond
Va.

Charleston S.C. April 16th 1864
Owing to reduction of forces.
I shall leave this Dept with
great concern, which would be
much diminished if Genl Hill
were ordered to relieve me. for
since his arrival here he has
been making himself acquaint-
ed with the forces and localities.
My Chief of Staff is still quite
sick and cannot be at present
of much assistance to Genl Jones
& I am confident a positive order
from War Dept would be
obeyed with alacrity by
Genl Hill.
(Sgd) G. T. Bearrgard

Mercer
A. N.
Brig Genl
Comdg
Savannah
Ga.

Charleston S. C. April 20th 1864
Hurry on troops that have been
ordered from Florida to this
point.

By Comd of Genl Beauregard
(Sgd) Giles B. Cook A. A. G.

Cooper
J.
A and J
Genl
Richmond
Va.

Charleston S. C. April 20th 1864.
In accordance with my letter
of the 9th inst, - I will leave
here on Monday the 25th -
unless counter orders should
reach me before that time.

With great respect.
(Sgd) D. A. Hill Maj Genl

Head-qs, in the field
near Petersburg, Va June 25th 1864

Mr. Robt. Adams

Patentee of 'Adams Revolver'
London, England-

Dear Sir,

The revolver you have been kind enough to send me reached its destination a few days since - Permit me to return my sincere thanks for this handsome and useful present, which has been much admired by all for its skilful workmanship and its peculiar adaptation to the use of field officers - It is to be regretted that the existing blockade does not permit the immediate introduction of this pistol in our service - but rest assured that it is destined, sooner or later, to supplant the far famed Colts' Revolver -

I remain very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

(signed) G. T. Beauregard.
General.

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I remain very deeply
Your obt. Servt.

(signed) G. T. Beauregard.
General.

when organized.

Respectfully,
Yours Obedient Servant

Harris
S. B.

Hd Qrs Dept N.C. & So. Fla.
July 6th 1864

Colin + Colonel,
The Camp

Genl Beauregard desires that
you will have placed some sub-terra shells
in front of Colquitts and Elliotts salients.

Respectfully,
Yours Obedient Servant

Col + A.A.G.

Guinn

Adj. Gen. Dept. of War
July 17th 1864

Lt Col Colonel,

Comm^{dy}

Ft. Clifton

Gen Beauregard has been informed that the plankton bridge over the Appomattox is in bad condition. He desires that you will at once examine it and see that it is put in a proper state of repair.

Respectfully,
Genl of Serv^t

Col & A. A. G.

The Papers of P. G. T. Beauregard, Library of Congress, Read

N. C. V.

H^d Q^r Dept. N. C. & S. Va.
near Petersburg, Va. Augt. 6, 1864.

General:

Cooper,

I have the honor to state, that,
during the time I was in command of
N. C. & S. Va. Dept. N. C. & Fla. (nineteen months), Col.
Richard A. D. Gonzales, Chief of Staff, displayed
a great zeal in the discharge of his laborious
duties, and intelligence, thereby entitling
himself, in my opinion, to promotion, should
he have under his orders the number of
pieces required by law.

Yours, Sir, Very Respectfully,
C. W. Smith

General.

Augusta Geo. Oct 3rd 1864.
Col G. W. Brent
Chief of Staff
Petersburg Va.

Report with follow-
ing Officers, Oty, Bryan,
Cook, Brodie, Choppin,
Willis and Molloy soon as
practicable after receiving
orders.

Genl Hardee will apply
for Roman, Waddy and
Ferry - Col Jones ^{only} must
report to Genl Lee.

Staff ambulances only
are required
G. J. Beauregard

Augusta Geo. Oct 3rd 1864
Genl R. E. Lee
Commanding
Petersburg Va.

President left this
afternoon for Richmond,
I am assigned to Command
of Hood's & Taylor's Deparment

I leave in the morning for
Hood's Head Quarters.
G. J. Beauregard

Augusta Geo Oct 5th 1864
Col J. B. Paul
Petersburg Va.

President has
left for Richmond, I leave
in the morning for the front.
G. J. Beauregard

~~latte -~~ Macon Geo Oct 6th 1864.
To Genl Hardee
Leaving Sept.
Summerville S. Ca.
Should any misfortune
befall Col Harris. I recom-
mend Capt Lee, Butler or
Whell for Command of first
District.
G. J. Beauregard

I had recommended Col. ^{as a} Hardee to the
President, ^{although} he had promised to make
him a Brigadier, & order his distribution to

Inscribed - Fla Nov 15th 1862

C-157
My dear Col.

Your favor of the 25th Oct^r has been received. I regret I have not time to answer at length your inquiries. The movements of the Army up the Mississippi at Memphis and Paducah, require that I should visit Corinth at once to see to its defenses and to those of the M. & O. R. R. -

I have not assumed command of the Army of Tennessee, although having authority to do so - for the reason that when I temporarily joined it at Gadsden's it was already on its march to the Tennessee River, in execution of Genl Hood's plan in which I did not wish to interfere, unless decided failure had been evident. - Since the arrival of the Army here, delays have ensued which are due to the nature of the circumstances & which I could not have remedied by assuming direct command, but I have endeavored to expedite matters as much as practicable.

I regret to find ourselves so close again to Co-

think, that most wretched of all spots in the Confederacy - I sincerely hope we may not be compelled to winter there.

With regard to your enquiry about putting negroes in our military service, I must say, that when at Centerville Va. I advocated the system of employing them as teamsters and cooks and of forming also with them one Company (100 men) of privates per Brigade. - Afterwards I advocated adding one of said Cos. to each Regt. of White troops - for the purpose of working on Roads, R.R. Roads, fortifications, trenches &c. - Now that our supply of White men is so reduced, I decidedly approve putting negroes in the ranks under competent officers - few negroes to be made non-commissioned officers - & slaves, who shall serve faithfully during the War, to be freed after Peace, & receive a fair allowance of public lands or bounty money to start with in life. I have not yet had time to consult on the subject any of the General officers here, except General Forest, that hero of heroes, who says that he would give a great deal to have now under his command a few Brigades of negroes properly officered and organized.

History tells us that "the Romans concentrated
in their hour of despair (283, ~~285~~ B.C.) all their
strength, even the slaves armed in the common
and meeting once more attended the standards of
Rome. Hannibal retreated to Lake Trasimene
& the forces of the King of Syracuse, who had
joined the Carthaginians, were also defeated at this
junction." What better example can we desire?
We do not imitate in times of trouble, the Romans, we may
lose slaves, names & liberty.

I thank you for the confidence, you say, that you
have in me, but impossibilities must not be expected
of us poor mortals.

My position is a most difficult one having a
large extent of country to defend with few troops,
& those not all of the best quality, "as long as
there is life, there is hope in a righteous cause."

When this letter is written I shall have had but
time to write to him, he must take the intention
for the deed.

With kind regards to Mrs. Dr. and all my many friends
I remain,

Yours truly
(Signed) G. J. Beauregard

Hon. Wm. P. Archer Miles.
Richmond,
Va.

P.S.

Ernest tells me, that he had had 14 horses
killed & 12 wounded under him. He has been wounded
five times, of which four are this war. He has a char-
med life. (Signed) G. J. B.

The Papers of P. G. T. Beauregard, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division

Hurdie W. S.
Lieut. Genl.
Savannah Ga.
Savannah
Fla.

Opelika Fla. December 3rd 1864

It is important Enemy should not get our New papers to obtain information of Sherman's movements, also that letter carriers should not reach the coast at any point. I recommend spies where roads are obstructed.

(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard
General

Cooper Saml.
Genl.
Richmond
Va.

Near Macon Road to Milledgeville Dec 4th 1864

General Hood reports from near Columbia Tenn. on 28th ult. Enemy forces have evacuated Columbia retreating to Nashville - he anticipates no difficulty about supplies.

(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard
General

Cooper Saml.
Genl.
Richmond
Va.

Augusta Ga. December 5th 1864

Have just arrived and will repair as soon as practicable to Charleston or Savannah.

(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard
General

W. J. Bragg
Genl.
Richmond
Va.

Augusta Ga. December 6th 1864

Met me as soon as practicable at Charleston or Savannah

(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard
General

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James Lamb
Major Genl
Charleston
So. Car.

Augusta Ga. Dec. 1st 1864 - 10 1/2 P.M.
Organize proper parties to work low fields along Savannah River
to obstruct thoroughly with trees & timber & break up roads from
that stream towards Pocotaligo - Major Mathews & Joseph Smith
of Engineer Dept might superintend - (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard
General

Stephen Lamb
Major
Proc. in the case of
Sgt. Wagner

Augusta Ga. December 5th 1864 -
Await my arrival at Charleston
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Bayler R.
Lieut. Genl
Charleston S.C. Camp
Command Officer

Augusta Ga. December 5th 1864
I leave for Charleston to-morrow morning - await my arrival there
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard - General

Hardee W.D.
Lieut. Genl
Savannah

Augusta Ga. December 7th 1864 -
Collect sufficient quantity of Rice & Salt in Savannah & Charleston
for every emergency I leave to-day for Charleston -
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Savannah Ga
and
James Lamb
Major Genl
Coraunatchie

met you both under existing circumstances - It is all important
enemy should not escape Savannah River

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard
General

Wm. W. H. May Jr

Wm. W. H. May Jr
Savannah Ga

Charleston So. Ca. December 8th 1864 - 6 A.M.
I wait order at Savannah -

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Cooper Lamb
General

Charleston So. Ca. December 8th 1864 - 6 A.M.

I arrived here last evening - General Hardee reports considerable fighting
yesterday at Coosa Hatchie without definite results - Enemy holding a
position near the ^{the} Rail Road - Heavy skirmishing at Number Two
Central Rail Rd with large force of Enemy which has crossed Ogeechee opposite
that point - Fighting also at Canoschee Bridge - Enemy has made his
appearance at Hudsons Ferry ^{and} Matthews Point in Savannah River
Lumber Boat Macan is at Sisters Ferry with order to patrol River as high up
as Hudsons Ferry - Howards wing of Federal Army behind on right bank
of Ogeechee crossing. Generals Hardee ^{and} James should be supported with
all available forces.

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard
General

Wm. W. H. May Jr
General
Augusta
Ga

Major W.B. General Wood

(Sgd) G.S. Beauregard General

Major W.B.
First Lieut.
Savannah

Charleston So. Ca. Dec. 8th 1864 12:06 P.M.

I will leave here at 4 P.M. for Socastigo then for Savannah where I will see you on arrival - I will telegraph when leaving Socastigo.

(Sgd) G.S. Beauregard General

James Lamb
Major Genl.
Socastigo So. Ca.

Charleston So. Ca. December 8th 1864 - 12-15 P.M.

I'll leave here at 4 P.M. today for Savannah. I desire to confer with you at Socastigo.

(Sgd) G.S. Beauregard General

Justice W.B.
First Lieut.
Savannah

Charleston So. Ca. Dec. 8th 1864 - 12-30 P.M.

Have you made necessary arrangements for saving rolling stock of R.R. loads from Savannah in event of Enemy cutting off these roads? A telegraph line should also be established from Hardenville to Savannah on East side of Savannah River

(Sgd) G.S. Beauregard General

Walter W.B.
First Lieut.
Savannah

Charleston So. Ca. Dec. 8th 1864 - 1-4 P.M.

I have just arrived here to assume general command as soon as sufficiently informed - Meanwhile to prevent unnecessary delays please give all orders you may think advisable

(Sgd) G.S. Beauregard General

James W.B.
Lieut. Genl.
Savannah
So. Ca.

Charleston So. Ca. Dec. 8th 1864 2 P.M.

General James being in command of whole District cannot properly be sent to James Island but Col. Salafino might be ordered to report to him at Socastigo.

(Sgd) G.S. Beauregard General

Savannah
Ga

defence of Georgia ⁱⁿ South Carolina, whenever you shall have to select
between their safety ⁱⁿ that of Savannah, sacrifice the latter. Form a junction
with General Jones holding the left bank of Savannah River, ⁱⁿ the Rail
Road to this place as long as possible (Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General -

William B. H.
Major Genl
Savannah
Ga

Madam Run So Ga Dec 8th 1862
Enquire further of Capt Sucker of the Bath of Manner can be had for
temporary service at Socratigo - if so, require that they should be kept in
readiness to move at a moment's notice. Answer.
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General -

William B. H.
Major Genl
Savannah
Ga

Madam Run So Ga December 8th 1862 -
Capt Simmons did not come on the train - reported sick - Enquire into
it, if he is not sick, place him in arrears (Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General -

W. D.
Major Genl
Savannah
Ga

Socratigo So Ga Dec 9th 1862 - 1 P. M.
Has anything occurred to prevent my train coming safely to Savannah
Address answer to Grahamville (Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General -

W. D.
Major Genl
Savannah
Ga

Socratigo So Ga Dec 9th 1862 1 - O. P. M.
I leave immediately for Savannah
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General -

James Saml
Major Genl
Socratigo
Ga

Cresawatchie So Ga December 9th 1862
General Elliott had better return on one of the early trains to-morrow, as
it to be in the spot when needed.
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General -

Capt A. G.
Richmond Va

In view of present condition of affairs the organization of the Company
refer to is unnecessary. (Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General

Cooper Land
Genl
Richmond Va

Savannah Ga Dec 9th 1864 - 8 O.C. A.M.

I arrived here this morning to confer with General Hardee
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General

Cooper Land
Genl
Richmond Va

Savannah Ga Dec 9th 1864 - 8 O.C. A.M.

Brig Genl Stephen Elliott being temporarily in the Dept has
been assigned to Command 3rd Sub District of South Carolina,
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General

Cooper Land
General
Richmond Va

Savannah Ga December 9th 1864 - 2 P.M.

Enemy forces are reported to be on River Road, Middle Ground
Road, Central Rail Road & Lainsville Road about ten miles from City
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General

Langston D.
Genl
Richmond Va

Savannah Ga Dec 9th 1864 - 3 1/2 O.C. P.M.

There is no time for transfer of guns you refer to - Let General James
give orders for the transportation if approved by him.
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General

Wm. H. B.
Genl
Richmond Va

Savannah Ga December 9th 1864 - 3 1/2 P.M.

Circumstances beyond control prevent withdrawal of North Carolina
troops now here. Some are actively engaged with Enemy.
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard Genl

Wm G. Wells
President
Richmond
Va.

Charleston S. Ca. Dec. 12th 1864 - 10 A.M.
If no other disposition can be made of Paul Ripley I respectfully suggest that he may be ordered to report forthwith to Genl. Hood for duty in the field
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard Genl.

James Lamb
Major Genl
Secretary
S. Ca.

Charleston S. Ca. Dec. 12th 64
Have Rice fields or ordered been overflowed? Send a reliable officer to break up & destroy the roads to the Savannah River through the rice fields. He can get negro labor from planter
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General.

James Lamb
Major Genl
Secretary
S. Ca.

Charleston S. Ca. Dec. 11th 64 5:45 P.M.
Should Enemy begin to retire from your front, send reinforcements called for by Genl Hardee $\frac{3}{4}$ to him of 4th & 5th Sub-District. Especially the latter - in that event call in time for transportation.
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard General.

James D
Major Genl
Secretary
S. Ca.

Charleston S. Ca. Dec. 11th 1864 - 6-15 P.M.
If there is a field officer in any of your other regts that can be spared place him in command of the 47th Ca. and assign Col Edwards as suggested
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard Genl.

Samuel M. French
Colonel
Military
S. Ca.

Charleston S. Ca. Dec. 11th 1864 - 7-15 P.M.
I require about 100 good men under an experienced officer for forty eight hours service. Send them by to night's train if they can be spared -
(Sgd) G. S. Beauregard Genl.

Genl. S. M.
Genl. S. M.
Genl. S. M.
Richmond Va.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 12th 1862 - 11:30 PM

Genl. S. M. reports enemy developed in strong force along his entire front yesterday that he has been compelled to extend his lines. He asks for immediate reinforcements. (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Genl. S. M.
Richmond Va.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 13th 1862

Genl. S. M. Jones agreeing with me as to Genl. Ripley's unsuitability for command in Charleston Harbor owing to his undilable habits. I shall relieve him from duty in this Dept and order him to the field at the expiration of his present leave of absence. I deem the necessity for his removal to some other command greater now than heretofore. A report of his late prejudicial conduct will be made.

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Genl. S. M.
Richmond Va.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 13th 1862

Repeat your long cypher dispatch of the 12th inst. It cannot be translated. (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Genl. S. M.
Richmond Va.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 13th 1862

Your boxes will be shipped you per express to-morrow morning. A letter will reach you by special messenger as to what disposition is to be made of them. (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Genl. S. M.
Richmond Va.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 13th 1862

Send the Battalion of Reserves by the first train to Charleston to report to Genl. Jones at Pocotaligo. (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Richmond Va

(Sgd) Genl M. P. G. Col & A. Genl.

Hunter W. W.

Pay Officer

Care of

Genl Hardee

Savannah

Ga.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 13th 1864.

Should the Enemy get ^{the} hold Savannah and you can do no further service there - you are expected to dispose of your Squadron to the greatest benefit to your Country - If necessary to leave Savannah your vessels except the Georgia may fight their way into Charleston - Under no circumstances should they be destroyed until every proper effort to save them shall have been made. S. R. Mallory. Secy of Navy.

The foregoing dispatch has been sent to me to transmit to you. Genl Genl Hardee will have it decyphered for you.

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Richmond Va

Charleston S. C. Dec. 15th 64 - 10 AM

Secy of Navy

Genl Hardee

Savannah

10 Ten (10) mch Columbiad can be spared at present from here. Distance from Savannah to Ped Bluff being much shorter make application to Genl Genl Hardee (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Genl Hardee

Genl Genl

Savannah

Ga.

Charleston S. C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 11:30 AM

Your cyphered dispatch of yesterday is received. My Cypher telegram of 8th inst & letter of instructions of 9th inst cover the points you submit - Under no circumstances must you be cut off from junction of your forces with those of Genl James. The safety of Georgia & South Carolina depends on that result

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Charleston S.C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 12h. - 5h.

I intended proceeding this afternoon to Beaufort but cannot do so
Came up further to confer with me relative to armament you call
for.
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Wm. H. ...
City ...
Beaufort

Charleston S.C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 1h. - 9h.

Should there be no works at Bunbridge & Margens Landing
East of Sevens Ferry Causeway have them erected further - rifle
pits & batteries for two field pieces might answer for the present
have creek leading there obstructed with oak trees or piles & torpedoes
Col Clark Engineer can inform you (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Wm. H. ...
Savannah
Ga.

Charleston S.C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 4³⁰ P.M.

Should Savannah have to be abandoned it would become essential
to obstruct River as low down above City as practicable - say about Rail
Road bridge if possible to protect Country & Rail Road from here to
Augusta from flank attacks - to what extent could the Drumhead
and three obstructions? Consult Comdr Hunter & Col Clarke
on subject (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Wm. H. ...
Savannah
Ga.

Charleston S.C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 4-30 P.M.

What is cause of delay in your attack? Increase of tents on By
Island may denote reduction of force in your front - Can you not
feel Enemy's Strength without exposing your proposed plans?
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Wm. H. ...
Beaufort
S.C.

Charleston S.C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 8-45 P.M.

Wm. H. ...

May Genl
Veitch

manning - Order telegraph operator to keep copy of General Hardee's
dispatches to put me. (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General.

Cooper Genl
General
W. G. Genl
Richmond
Va

Charleston S. C. Dec. 15th 1864 - 9 1/2 PM

My instructions to Genl Hardee are based on the fact that
having no Army of relief to look to, it is more important after
proper resistance to save our troops and material than to sacrifice
all by too protracted a defence. I desire being informed if these
instructions are approved by the War Department and are applicable
to Charleston as well as Savannah (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General.

Smith P. W.
Major G. Mr
Richmond Va

Charleston S. C. Dec. 15th 1864 -

Genl Wheeler asks that his trains be sent to him - He is
much in need of them (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General.

Smith S.
Genl
Richmond Va

Charleston S. C. Dec. 15th 1864 -

The letter of Col Black is returned today - I will give you
the bandy Genl's over - (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General.

Wagner Dan
Genl
Richmond Va

Charleston S. C. Dec. 16th 1864 -

Will lay your dispatch before Genl Beauregard on his return
to the City (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General.

Cooper Genl
W. G. Genl
Richmond
Va

Charleston S. C. Dec. 16th 1864 -

Brig Genl Ripley is still on leave of absence granted by Genl
Hardee on the 2nd of November for thirty (30) days.
In temporary absence of Genl Beauregard
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General.

Charleston I leave at 2 h P.M. (Sgd) G. B. Beauregard Genl.

Robertson B.H.
Brig Genl
Adams Run
Green Pond
Sloa

Protestige La Dec 21st 1864 - 7 1/2 AM

Thirty five hundred men are to be added to present force in your Sub District Call forthwith for ten or fifteen days supplies at most convenient points - They are mostly unprovided with transportation - Call for as many wagons as practicable I leave for Charleston at 2 h P.M.

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard Genl.

Courtney
Capt P.M.
Kendrick

Protestige La Dec 21st 1864 - 8 P.M.

Please inform by Courier General Hardee ^{3/4} & Wheeler ^{3/4} Col Colcock that reported withdrawal of Enemy from here is not confirmed

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Hardee W.D.
Lieut Genl
Kendrick
on road to
Savannah Ga.

Protestige La Dec 21st 1864 - 8 P.M.

In withdrawing, impress all negro men, teams, wagons ^{3/4} supplies not removed by owners in section of Country about to be abandoned to Enemy - destroy all bridges ^{3/4} trails behind you -

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General

Hardee W.D.
Lieut Genl
Comd'g Dept
Savannah
Ga.

Protestige La Dec 21st 1864 - 10:30 AM

General Sumner reports no transportation available to send you should rain commence, any delay in movement may be fatal to its success - Genl Polk's ^{3/4} Command must be ordered back soon as practicable

(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard
General

Objections of General Taylor to collecting too large quantity supplies at Beaufort are approved - they must be collected within reach of N^o 10. Rail Rd. - Advise with Genl Taylor as to proper location ^{of} quantity at each place
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard - General -

Charleston S.C. Dec. 22nd 1864 - 1 P.M.
Your order to Genl Taylor relative to Roddy's command is approved. It is hoped that Brigade will be returned to its former position soon as circumstances will permit
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General -

Charleston S.C. Dec. 22nd 1864 - 4.30 P.M.
Your requisition for wagons will be attended to - Keep Genl Hardee well advised of Army's movements in your front ^{and} if you need re-inforcements make timely application for same to Genl Hardee
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General -

Charleston S.C. Dec. 22nd 1864 - 6.30 P.M.
I congratulate you on your success ⁱⁿ message - will the people respond to its noble sentiments?
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General -

Charleston S.C. Dec. 22nd 1864 - 6.30 P.M.
You must await or obey the instructions of your proper commanding officer. I cannot interfere in the matter.
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General -

Charleston S.C. Dec. 22nd 1864 - 8 P.M.
Have works been constructed on East side of River at Augusta to protect City ^{and} bridge - They are considered essential
(Sgd) G. B. Beauregard General -

Staff
Adjutant
Genl
Sgt
Capt
Lieut
Squad
Co
B. Co
C. Co
D. Co
E. Co
F. Co
G. Co
H. Co
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K. Co
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S. Co
T. Co
U. Co
V. Co
W. Co
X. Co
Y. Co
Z. Co

Head 2nd Mil Division of the West
Montgomery, Ala, Jan^y 23rd 1865

Winder General,

Ans^r

Brig Genl

Comm^{dr} & Genl of (30)

Prisoners

Florence

G.C.

By direction of the Commanding General,
I have the honor to acquaint you that the thirty
Federal prisoners which you were requested
in a letter of the 9th Inst from these Head Qu^{rs} to
furnish to Major Kettle, for the purpose of
removing Torpedoes & Shells from Rail-Road
cuts, are stated by that officer, on the 21st Inst
as not having reported to him. Will you please
make the detail, and order it to report as early
as practicable?

See file
11/11/65

Respectfully, General,
Carr H. Sevitt
(Signed) Gen Wm. Branch
Col & A. A. C.

Genl H^d Servt
(Signed) Geo Wm Brent
Col & A. A. G.

Brother
R. L.
Surgeon &
Med Director
M. D. M.

Sir,

Head Q^{rs}, Med. Division of the West
Montgomery Ala, Jan^y 24th 1865

I am instructed to direct that you confer
without delay with the Surgeon of this Post in
regard to the Establishment of a Hospital for
invalid negroes Employed in the mil^{ry} service
of the Confederate States. A Hospital of
this character seems now to be indispensable.

Respectfully,

Genl H^d Servt
(Signed) Geo Wm Brent
Col & A. A. G.

Brew J H
Col Comdg
Home Guard

Ad 2nd Mil Div of the West
Charlotte N.C. 25th Feb'y 1865.

Colonel

It has been reported to these Head Quarters - that certain Citizens of the district of Country through which the enemy may pass have refused to furnish slave labor under the call of the Commanding General.

Gen Beauregard directs that you proceed to impede the same that the march of the enemy may be obstructed as early and as effectually as possible

Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

Lt Col & a. a. G.

Augusta March 7 1865

Genl Johnston

Genl Johnston has been assigned to the command of the Departments of Georgia & Tenn & So Cal & Florida & Genl Beauregard directs, that you will in future address all communications to him. Genl Taylor remains in command of his Dept.

Geo W Brent Col & Adj

Augusta March 7 1865

Genl Taylor

Genl Beauregard has been relieved of command of the Military Division of the West, and Genl Geo E Johnston has been assigned to the command of the Departments lately commanded by Genl Hood & Hardee. You retain your present command and will report direct to the War Dept and Genl Sec.

Genl Beauregard bids me thank you for your efficient co-operation with him and expresses his best wishes for your full and complete success.

I shall leave in the morning for Charlotte
Geo W Brent
Col & Adj

Charlotte N.C. March 15 1865

Beauregard
General

Col Waddy and myself are here and await your orders

Gt Mr at
Clarksville

Head Quarters etc
Raleigh N. C. 16th March 1865

Va: Sir

Unless otherwise ordered by Genl Lee or Major
Genl Gilmer, Genl Beauregard direct that you
collect boats (or have made) planks, scantling,
ropes, anchors (or substitute) sufficient to con-
struct one or two pontoon Bridges, across the Roan-
oke at Clarksville or near that point. It is not
desirable to interfere with Ferry Boats, but let the
Ferry men be notified to hold their Boats ready
for this use at a moment notice

Please report weekly your progress.

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

A. A. S.

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Dudley G. L.

Cap^t & Mil Sup^t

R. R. ds

Head Quarters & c & c

Raleigh N. C. March 31st 1865

Captain

Col A. J. Gonzales Chief of Army at Hillsboro,
has been directed to send at once by Rail a Battery of
Napoleons (4 guns) with Horses and Equipments com-
plete to Salisbury N. C.

Genl Beauregard desires that you cause
the necessary transportation to be speedily provided and
the transfer of this Battery to the point designated in
the shortest possible time.

Respectfully

Wm. A. D. Stewart

A. A. G.