

Head Quarters Department of S. C. & Fla.  
Charleston S. C. March 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

Gonzales  
A. J.

Colonel & Colonel

Chf. of Ord. & Art.  
Charleston  
S. C.

Your communication of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. has been received and carefully considered by the Genl. Comd<sup>r</sup> whose remarks on the same I am instructed to communicate as follows:

The Reserve Artillery is intended for use whenever required and although by special order made subject to be called for when necessary by any Dist. Comd<sup>r</sup> in the Dept. it does not follow that it cannot be made to report by the Genl. Comd<sup>r</sup> for the defence of certain Batteries or field works in any Sub. Dist. whenever required for that important service.

The details of the attack on the Isaac Smith, in the Stons, were arranged by Brig Genl Purley, Comd<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Milit<sup>y</sup> Dist, and placed by him (with the approval of the Genl Comd<sup>r</sup>) under the Lt Colonel who had made all the necessary reconnaissances and no Colonel could have been assigned to duty under him. The instructions for the armament of the Batteries on the Bombardier and Rehep have already been given verbally to the Chief of Artillery and Ordnance. The Battery at Wilton has already

been provided for - the siege train must at present be reserved for the defence of the more important works in the 1<sup>st</sup> Military Dist. - the Battery of 32 pdr. Canonades on siege Car - ~~now in the work this side of the New~~ Bridge is absolutely needed at present where it is - for the defence of that important line of Communication across the Ashley River.

Very Respectfully  
 Your Obedt Servt.  
 Clifton H. Smith  
 A. A. G.