

HEAD QUARTERS,
Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Charleston, S. C. January 7 1865

Reached this City Sunday last night about nine o'clock after sundry delays along the Road, occasioned by the letting down of freight trains ahead of us. To our train no accident occurred, but the Road is evidently becoming sadly out of repair. The iron being much worn, and the rolling stock greatly depreciated. - I was struck with a remark which was made by an "Old Stager" that "to his eye everything in this Confederacy appeared to be galloping to Hell as fast as it could go." - I trust such is not the fact, although there is no denying the fact, that we are fast approaching the crisis of our National fate, and that appears to be none to deliver ours the Lord of Hosts, who saves not by many nor by few, but by His own Might. -

I find nothing of interest here. Nothing of special interest from the Enemy, who appear to be advancing slowly in the direction of Haverhill. - As yet there appears to be no definite conjecture as to the precise point of destination. It may be Augusta, or Branchville or Charleston. My own impression is that Branchville is their aim, as in that event Charleston falls.

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by isolation, and the communications of the Lee's army
so essential for its existence, are not only threatened
but actually destroyed. There is a delegation here from
Richmond. What is contemplated I have not yet learned.
I am as yet without home and home. Charleston affords
me few facilities nor of either food or covering.
Lieut. Stuart is great heart in Genl Hardee's
Office. My throat is troubling me a great deal,
but I trust that it will soon be better. I long
for your precious presence home and am ever

Yours ever devoted

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There are Mr Gambrell to see the 14th Certificate. You
will find them in the tin box. - and can hand
them to him for that purpose. - He is empowered
to make necessary transfers. Let me hear as soon as
sale has been effected.