

Savannah 29th August 1870

Dear Colonel

Yours of the 24th inst came duly to hand & it affords me much pleasure to furnish the information asked for. The date is taken from official papers before me. My appointment as Major of Artillery is dated at Montgomery Alabama, May 18th 1861. and I was ordered forthwith to England to purchase arms and munitions of war for the Confederacy and to attend to other matters of a confidential character. Crossed the Atlantic in the yacht America, then called the Camilla. Brought the cargo over in November with arms etc, to the value of nearly one million of dollars. Soon after my return to Savannah was ordered to report to Genl Lee, and under instructions from him dated Novr 29th 1861. was "assigned to duty as Inspector or Ordnance officer of the Batteries for the defence of Savannah, to superintend their armament, preparation of ammunition, and regulate the service of the guns of the several Forts, etc" Was thereafter assigned to the command of the River Batteries, and on May 1st 1862 was appointed Lieut Col of Artillery, August 1st 1862 was promoted to the rank of Colonel of Artillery, confirmed soon after by the Senate, and ordered to report to Brig Genl H W Mercer. My position as band officer of the Heavy Batteries remaining unchanged, except that my command was enlarged. On the transfer of Genl Mercer to Bragg's army I was placed in command of the District of Georgia, and held this position by turns as the exigencies of the service called away officers

of higher rank than myself. Annexed I send you a tabulated statement of the River Battery command held by me, and taken from an official return in my possession. Should there be other information of my command, it will afford me much pleasure to give it to you

Very truly Yours
Edw. L. Anderson.

Col Chas. C. Jones.
New York.

Tabulated Statement Col E. C. Andersons Command

Co + Batt.	Post or Station	Present				Present or Absent				Remarks
		Officers	Enlisted Men	Effective Total	Total	Aggregate	Total	Aggregate	Comd Officers	
3 Cos 22 ^d Batt ^{re}	River Batteries	14	171	178	220	235	348	364	Major Bestor	
Troops at	Fort Barton	6	56	61	67	73	93	101	Lt Col	
" "	Whitemarsh	23	374	374	418	445	500	525	Mr B. Patches	
Troops at Thunderbolt	Thunderbolt	12	139	152	174	188	295	311	Lt Col McCann	
Daniels Battery ^{re}	Isle of Hope	2	99	108	117	119	147	152	Capt Daniel	
Cott Guards	Pass Sew	14	279	304	319	335	360	377	Major Hentidge	
Hanleiters Batt ^{re}	Beaulieu	4	89	97	99	102	113	117	Capt Hanleiter	
Troops at	Coffee Bluff	13	180	180	180	193	210	225	Col E. C. Anderson - Jr -	

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