

Head Quarters Department of S. C. Ga. & Fla.
Charleston S. C. July 13th 1863.

General.

The Commanding General suggests that several hundred rice and other casks shall be furnished the troops on Morris Island for the construction of "rat holes". It will be well, also, he thinks, to send to Savannah, Augusta, Wilmington, etc, for at least one thousand empty casks. A high look out should be constructed at or about Fort Johnson for the purpose of keeping a close watch on the Enemy's movements from that point.

The Commanding General further desires that hulks or other obstructions shall be sunk or established in the Creeks west of Morris Island and north of Sullivan's Island, and that a good line of communication must be opened from the latter Island to the City via Christ Church parish, and across Cooper River.

The Commanding General further suggests that, in the event of a protracted siege, it may be very difficult to supply the batteries with ammunition or even procure any from the arsenal - he therefore desires you to instruct your Ordnance Officers to make timely arrangements for an ample supply of ammunition, for the possible wants of all the guns of different cal-

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ibres in the 1st Military District.

Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff