

RG 109, War Department Collection of Confederate Records, Military Departments, Letters Sent, Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, July 21, 1862-March 19, 1863, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, p. 286.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S.C. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 30th, 1862

Major F. L. Childs
Comdg. C. S. Arsenal
Charleston, S.C.
Major,

Your letter of the 27th inst enclosing letters &c. to the Chief of your Dept., relating to your arrest, have been examined by me, endorsed, & forwarded this day, with my report of the same occurrence, to the War Department. Enclosed you will find a copy of Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley's charges against you--a copy of mine will be sent you, as soon as they shall have been drawn up by my Chief of Staff, who is at present too unwell to do so.

Respectfully
Your obedient servant
G. T. Beauregard

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Head Quarters, Dept. of S.C., Ga. & Fla.
Charleston, S.C., March 23d, 1863

Brig. Genl. Hagood Johnson
Adams Run
Brig. Genl. W. S. Walker
Pocotaligo

General:

It is the wish of the Commanding General that you advise all planters and owners of negroes in your Military District to remove their negroes as far as practicable into the interior of the State, as otherwise they are liable to be lost at any moment.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
John F. O'Brien
Capt. & A.A.G.

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Head Quarters, Dept. of S.C., Ga. & Fla.
Charleston, S.C., April 7th, 1863

D. N. Ingraham
Flag Officer
Charleston, S.C.
Sir:

I beg leave to suggest that in case of necessity, it would be better to *blow up* the *Gunboats* now under construction than to destroy them by fire.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
G. T. Beauregard
General Commanding

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Head Quarters, Dept. of S.C., Ga. & Fla.
Charleston, S.C., April 8th, 1863

A. F. Ravenel
Provost N.F.R.R.

Sir:

I am instructed by the General Commanding to inform you that it is his urgent wish that no women and children shall be allowed to return to this city by your road during the ensuing eight (8) days.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
Clifton H. Smith
A.A.G.

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Head Quarters, Dept. of S.C., Ga. & Fla.
Charleston, S.C., April 16th, 1863

W. W. Elliott
Ordnance Officer
Third Military District

Sir:

Under the circumstances set forth in your communication of the 3rd inst. and your endorsement upon the same of the 13th inst., you are authorized to employ the service of Mr. T. A. Bell at \$75 per month. In your next return to the Ordnance Bureau you will state at length your reasons for employing the above person.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Clifton H. Smith
A.A.G.

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Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., April 18th, 1863

H. W. Mercer
Brig. Genl. Comanding
District of Georgia
General:

I am directed by the Commanding General to enclose you the photographs of 5 persons reported to be *spies* of the enemy now in our midst.

I have the honor to be, General,
Very respectfully your obedient servant
John M. Ottey
A.A.G.

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Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., April 27th, 1863

Brig. Genl. H. W. Mercer

Commanding Dist. of Georgia
General:

A communication from Capt. McCrady in reference to a threatened suit against you for the recovery of the value of *two negroes &c, &c*, has been forwarded for the orders of the War Department pending whose decision, I am instructed to say, it is the opinion of the Commanding General that the Confederate States District Attorney for the State of Georgia should be called on to conduct the defence of your official act.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

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Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., May 4th, 1863

Colonel J. F. Gilmer
Chief of Engineer Bureau
Richmond, Va.
Colonel:

The Balloon will be of no service here, it can only be used, it appears by the construction of an apparatus for the generation of gas, except in the immediate vicinity of gasworks. Please inform me whether it should be returned to you at Richmond or sent elsewhere.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

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Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., May 6th, 1863

Allan B. Flogg
Georgetown, S.C.
Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. suggesting that a force be retained in the vicinity of Georgetown for the protection of the planting interest &c. has been submitted to the Commanding General, who instructs me to say that the matter has his attention, and that he will afford protection as far as the limited resources at his Command will permit.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

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Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., May 8th, 1863

Major D. B. Harris
Chief of Engineers
Major:

I am directed by the Commanding General to say that there are three negroes confined in the

Jail who were captured from the enemy, and to enquire whether or not they could be usefully & securely employed on some of the public works in this District. It is thought that they could be placed at work in Fort Sumter.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
E. Kearny
Asst. A.A.G.

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April 18, 1864, p. 15.

Head Quarters
Department of S.C., Ga & Fla.
Charleston, S.C. Feb. 24th, 1864

Lieut. Genl. R. S. Ewell
Comdg. 1st Corps
Army of Northern Virginia
Gordonsville, Va.

Dear General,

As you have been gloriously maimed in the service of our country, accept from me a cane made out of one of the Flagstaffs of Fort Sumter, shot down by the Enemy during the present siege.

It may be worth mentioning that already has the flagstaff of that fort been shot down over (40) forty times.

I regret my inability to have this cane better mounted here.

Sincerely your friend,
G. T. Beauregard

[An identical letter and other canes were sent on the same day to Lt. Gen. John B. Hood, Brig. Genl. F. Nichols, and Beauregard's nephew Lt. James T. Proctor in Charleston.]

Chapter 2, No. 184, p. 45-46.

Head Quarters
Department of S.C., Ga & Fla.
Charleston, S.C., April 16th, 1864.

Brig. Genl. W. B. Taliaferro
Commanding 7th Mil. District
at Royalls, James Island

Dear General,

I return you herewith the Book you had the kindness to lend me. I found it very interesting, especially all that refers to the attack on Charleston & Baton Rouge.

It shows also that the laws of Strategy vary less than those of Tactics-- the latter being more dependent on the *quality* of the arms used.

Confidential--I will leave in a few days for N.C. where it is probable the Enemy under Burnside will soon make a demonstration. I hope his *usual luck* will follow him there. I hope to return again before long or in case any part of my Dept. is seriously attacked. Major Gnl. Sam Jones will replace me here temporarily.

Yours Very Truly