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Hd. Quarters S. C. Siege Train

James Island. June 20. 1864

Lieut E. J. Fredrick.

A. A. A. Genl.

Lieutenant.

I have the honor to report that the two Steamers referred to by Capt Stallings this morning, anchored a short distance below Legareville and landed, as nearly as I could count, about Two Hundred Armed men at the lower landing and foot bridge leading to that village. - I did not see the landing, but saw them when they re-embarked. -

A short time before they re-embarked I noticed a dense smoke in the direction of the Batteries constructed by our Engineers last December below Legareville. - I infer from this that one object of the expedition was the destruction of the said batteries, and the burning of the Platforms. -

As soon as the smoke became visible, the boats, of which there were about eight lying around the Steamers, put off for the landing, and shortly after the party commenced filing along the foot Bridge leading from the village to the landing. - The swaying of the branches of the tree in which was (the wind was high) prevented my counting with perfect accuracy, but I think the number I give is a pretty close approximation to correctness. -

They commenced re-embarking about 2 1/2 P.M. and finished about 3 P.M. - The larger steamer got under weigh about half past three, and the smaller one about 4 P.M.; both went down towards the mouth of Stono River. -

I saw no indications of any landing on Battery Island. -

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Edward Manigault

Major & Supt. of Pickets -

P.S. - One of the Steamers was a Two-Masted side wheel Steamer or Gun Boat (one of the Gunboats which has often shelled our Pickets) - The other was a Northern Ferry Boat, without masts, two-headed, and with side wheels, - also heavily armed. -