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ACH

Camp Quitman Jan'y 16th 1862

To Capt A C Haskell

A.D.C. & AAA Genl

Sir: I beg leave to submit the following report of Patrol:

In accordance with instructions received from Brig. Genl. Gregg I, last night, posted the Patrol committed to my charge in the Rice field of Mrs Eustis with instructions to arrest all persons except officers whom they might find shooting ducks or anything else. About 8 O'Clock last night a good deal of shooting was heard, & on coming up with the parties, they proved to be Officers who represented themselves as belonging to Genl Gonzales' Command & stated that they had permission to hunt on the premises of Mrs Eustis. They were requested to desist, but were not further interfered with. They agreed to cease firing, which they did after a few more rounds. No other persons were found, either before or after night with firearms, outside the lines.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Kinsler

Lieut. Com'g Patrol

Lieut Kinsler is sick with Mumps, or would report in person.

R. G. M. Dunovant

Colonel 12th Reg. S.C.C.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42.

Hd Qrs Dept of S.C. & Ga.
Coosawhatchie, Jan. 28, 1862

Special Orders No. 16

The Medical Officers herein specified are assigned to duty as follows:

1. Surgeon Samuel Logan P.A. at the Rikersville Hospital.
2. Asst. Surgeon Samuel Multer at Fort Sumter.
3. Dr. S. L. Lockwood (cont. Physician) at Rickersville Hospital as Asst. to Surgn. Logan.
4. Dr. Samuel Fair (cont. Physician) Confederate Hospital near Columbia.
5. Dr. T. W. Hutson (contract Physician) with the siege train Genl. A. J. Gonzales comdg.

By order of Genl Lee

T. A. Washington

A.A.G.

EGP

Bethel Pocotaligo Feb. 4th, 1862

My Dear Father,

I received yours yesterday enclosing Bill against the Quarter Master (Godfrey) & will see him this morning & try & squeeze the amt. out of him & enclose it to you tomorrow. I have some debts to collect for uncle Ste amounting to several hundred dollars for Cotton, Corn, fodder &c., & will devote a portion of the day to that purpose. My being on Genl. Donelson's staff allows me leisure to attend to my Home affairs,-- he is quite a fine old cock & gives me leave of absence whenever I will it, & I have in consequence been improving my time by transporting cotton from Rions Neck (in the seed) & ginning it out for half. I first hauled W. Spann's Engine & [...] that to work & have now finished hauling 90 Bales & have another contract for 140 Bales. W. Spann has made me a present of all his Peas & 20 banks of Potatoes. The Cotton of course I will be unable to take [...] a portion of the corn I am taking at 50 cts., it is selling now in Charleston at \$1.25 cts & will be much higher by spring. I have made your War Tax return for St. Helena Parish here, to Capt. Bythewood, the Home in Beaufort I returned myself, the Books were ordered to be closed on the 1st of Feb. so I had not time to consult with you about it, but got John Baker to make the same return as the State Tax. We have been very quiet *here* for some time, yesterday however heavy firing was heard towards Savannah & about 2 o'clock a telegram reported that 5 Gun Boats had engaged the Red bluff fortification for 4 hours, pouring an awful quantity of shot & shell upon the innocent sand bags. The place was deemed a slaughter Pen by Col. Heyward & he induced Genl. Drayton to order Ste's command to leave it & fall back 6 miles which they accomplished a day or two ago, taking their Guns & ammunition with them, it is a fortunate escape for them for the fort could not have been held.

The celebrated Col. Gass Martin's Regiment is broken up, they say Martin has ruined the Regt., & they intend to have their officers, when they go into confederate service. Martins Card in [...] is a trick, *he will not be the Col. when the reorganize*,-- nor do I think he will ever visit Beaufort, unless it be after the *war*, to point out the spot of his Port Royal exploit to Gilmore Simms.

Willie is at present in Charleston, I sent him down to procure clothing for himself & for a little change, he looks very badly having suffered much from risings upon his legs, as soon as he returns I will send him to visit you. We are all pretty well, no measles as yet among the smaller ones. Old Mrs. Tom Stuart died on Saturday, & was buried yesterday at Sheldon. She had been spending the winter in McPhersonville.

I am fortunate in having a very Gentlemanly Regt. of Virginians, Commanded by Col. Starks, quartered on my land. They give me no trouble & conduct themselves with the utmost propriety. The South Carolina, & Tennessee Regts., are rascally fellows, they plunder hen roosts, & burn fencing at a great rate.--if Dunnovant's Regt. are near you, I would advise you to keep a guard over your Turkeys.

With much love to Mama & the rest of the family

I remain your aff. Son

Thos. R. S. Elliott

EGP

Bethel Pocotaligo Feb. 7th 1862

My Dear Father,

I have seen Godfrey & altho he has the cash & is willing to pay, he declines doing so in consequence of informality. He says thou must duplicate Bills & duplicate Recpts. given. I have therefore enclosed you the Bill & would advise you to get Jas. H. Waring Asst. Q.M. to make out the Bill in proper form & enclose it to me with duplicate & I can then get Godfrey to give me a check

for it. These Q. Masters give a vast deal of trouble to the poor Planter, they seize what they want & keep you dancing attendance for months around their Quarters & then put you off to a more convenient season.

It would be advisable to have the Bills made out in *my name*, for Godfrey would not pay them, unless the Recpts. bear the same name as the Bills & as *you* are not here to sign them, it would of course postpone the payment. Things remain in the same quiet state here. Genl. Lee thinks however, that Savannah will be the point of attack shortly & the troops here & at Grahamville have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to move at a moment's warning. Willie reached home yesterday & will pay you a visit in a few days. Do make my regards to the Genl [**Gonzales**], & say to him I have recd. his letter, but have not time this morning to reply, but will attend to his commission with pleasure tomorrow. I am glad to hear that Hattie & the little ones are improving.

With love to Mama and all.

Your aff. Son

T. R. S. Elliott

EGP

Hardee's Place, Feby. 11th 1862

We are now dear Emmie 4 miles from Red Bluff, which you were rather sarcastic on Drayton for making us leave, but the stupidity lay in making us go there at all;--The fort itself was admirably built, but we had only two 24 pounders to contend with against rifled cannon and Columbiads, which could have shelled us out by standing out of range of guns like ours. The intention was, if possible to procure large guns but as yet there was no prospect of obtaining them. We were not a day too soon in leaving; for the enemy's gunboats had been for days in sight in Walls Cut; and two days after two gunboats came up and shelled the empty fort and neighboring woods looking for masked batteries and burnt our palmetto dining saloons. The next day they again landed after firing a few shells, and miserable creatures, murdered two horses. All our guns, including a howitzer were removed of course as well as all the ammunition.

We have been reinforced at this place by Capt. Bedons Company, and five others from Dessaussures regmt., and now number about a thousand men. The other morning, at 4 we were marched back to Red Bluff to support Capt. Moores Battery; as he was anxious to take a shot at a gunboat. It was fortunate none came, perhaps, and Ste thinks it could only have resulted in the loss of some of Moores guns and some lives, without any benefit to our cause. From what we hear it seems an attack may be made on Savannah very soon, but it is not supposed, the enemy will land at Red Bluff to proceed by land at the same time. For the only road thence to Savannah ends in a causeway two miles in length to the river, which the planters can easily cut and make impracticable for cannon. They can also cut their banks, and flow their fields. The enemy seem to be preparing an attack from Warsaw and Skidway. -- As for us, it is intended we should throw up land defences somewhere between this and the deserted fort, this to be [...] not in range of the enemy's guns; or that will be another item added to Drayton's many follies.

If nothing turns up, or we are sent on no more expeditions, you may see me at Oak Lawn on the 13th. Ste seems well disposed towards me at present & I may get the leave, if I select the proper time to ask it. T'will be a great treat to me to see you all, as well as to be in a house, and sleep in a bed; tho thanks to the mild weather we have not suffered in Camp life. Today is more like winter. An opportunity will occur in a few minutes, perhaps to send this to Hardeeville. Love to all, Yr.

affectionate Brother

Wm. Elliott

BOOK¹¹⁴

Columbia, S.C. February 16, 1862. Governor Manning¹¹⁵ and Gonzales here today. A pleasant duo--they say Charleston is threatened and the RR from Port Royal at the same time.

BOOK¹¹⁶

Executive Council Chamber, February 19th, 1862.
Present: Governor Francis W. Pickens, Hon. W. W. Harllee,¹¹⁷ Hon. James Chesnut,¹¹⁸ Hon. Isaac W. Hayne.¹¹⁹

On the motion of General Harllee it was,

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor do urge, on the part of the Governor and Council, the appointment, by the President of the Confederate States, of General Gonzales to a position of such rank as will enable General Pemberton¹²⁰ to assign him Chief of Artillery in his Military District. (pp. 94-95)

This was the only request for office the Executive Council made to the Confederate Government. (p. 174)

DCH

Laurel Hill on Waccamaw River, Feby. 25/62

Hon. Jas. Chesnut Jr.

Dear Sir:

The Commission assembled here yesterday and organized by appointing me Chairman and Col. A. H. Waring Secretary and proceeded to discuss the points to be selected for obstruction, &c. This point is the lowest on the Waccamaw or even Pee Dee where there would be a chance to obstruct the passage of boats, and Col. Nesbit's command is in 3 miles of it. So that if decided on its

¹¹⁴ Woodward, ed., *Mary Chesnut's Civil War*.

¹¹⁵ John Laurens Manning. Governor of South Carolina 1852-1854. In April 1854 Manning was invited by William Elliott to dine and spend the night at Oak Lawn.

¹¹⁶ Cauthen, Charles E. *Journals of the South Carolina Executive Councils of 1861 and 1862*. Columbia: South Carolina Archives Department, 1956.

¹¹⁷ Lieutenant Governor William Wallace Harllee. Delegate to the secession convention and a major general of militia.

¹¹⁸ Former U.S. Senator. Husband of Mary Boykin Chesnut.

¹¹⁹ Colonel Isaac William Hayne. South Carolina Attorney General and Charleston District member in the state secession convention.

¹²⁰ John Clifford Pemberton (1814-1881). Born in Philadelphia, graduated from West Point in 1837. Mexican War veteran. Resigned as major from the U.S. Army on 24 April 1861. Four days later was commissioned Lt. Col. in the forces of Virginia. On 29 Nov. 1861 reported for duty to Gen. Lee at Charleston after being appointed brigadier of the Confederate Army.

defence would not devolve upon the State.

But although the best route & the one most used to the Pee Dee it is not the only one, so that we must have a point on the Pee Dee proper in order to make obstructions effectual.

Col. Waring & Mr. Geddes left the Pee Dee Bridge on Saturday in Steamer Ripley, I drove some 30 miles down by land knowing the Stream well in order to look after forces, timber transportation &c & joined them on Sunday morning & came here co[...] was one place of rendezvous. Yesterday we went below to make observations. Met **Genl. Gonzales** & Charles Allston Jr who had come through Georgetown & returned with them.

The best point on the Pee Dee for obstructions, taking every thing into account -- The supply of hooks, the accommodations, the facilities of labour &c is Dewitts Bluff some 30 miles below the Pee Dee Bridge. Peterfield below Lynch's Creek is the next best, some 30 miles by land from Geo. Town & some 20 from here.

We have asked the loan of the Steamer from Col. Manigault to go up again which we hope to do today or early tomorrow, & will decide & go to work there. **Gen. Gonzales** ~~seems to be surprised as to the practicality~~ advocates the necessity of obstructing the channel at Geo. Town entrance which of course would be best as it saves this whole region, & says that Col. Manigault will co-operate, but our instructions do not cover that object & if deemed advisable I would be glad to be instructed on the subject.

In so *many words* your instructions do not require us to put obstructions in the Pee Dee, but it is so fully implied & was so understood. I know that I shall proceed til otherwise advised by you. Please write address me at Geo. Town, (care Governor Allston.

Yours Very Respectfully

Gen. W. W. Harllee

P.S. The remarks made above are not intended to express the opinions of the commission or even my own, as we have not definitely formed them.

W. W. H.

EGP

Camp Sturgeon March 6th [1862]

You may think it strange my dear Emmie, that I've not written home since I left, nor answered your letter of over a week ago; but something has transpired which made me reluctant to write, until the particulars and the event could be transmitted. I am now able to do this; but you would never guess what it is:-- Know then that the Prince of Small Potatoes, T. F. Drayton has had me Court Marshalled for absence without leave and for going against orders. The case [*torn*] to have been tried last week -- but was twice postponed; [...] my delay to write-- so I've suff[*torn*] both "The insolence of office, and the Law's delay"--Today however, the happy event was consummated and I had the satisfaction of showing that the charge & specification were both untenable. My Defence was that I had urgent business to attend to (The tax and property returns you know)-- the items of which I could not accurately ascertain in Camp--; and Drayton's indorsement on the permission (signed by the Captain & Colonel) was produced to prove that even he had given me leave, in case of reasons of an urgent nature. The verdict then I apprehend will be "not guilty--but if the reverse--the penalty would be very trifling--extra guard duty perhaps--although my messmates make themselves merry at my expense, with sundry allusions to "ball and chain" and being "shot to death by musketry"-- The whole affair [has] been rather a source of [...] but of course I feel [*torn*] resentment at this Pettiness

[*torn*] not demanding an explanation from me first. Tis some consolation [*torn*] to think I shall soon be out of his feeble clutches.

How melancholy have the disasters in the West been--for men after fighting so splendidly to be surrendered for want of reinforcements. Fort Donelson has taught us two good things the one that iron gun boats are not impenetrable to very heavy guns. The other that in a land fight we may fight successfully against odds. It is really strange the Yankees don't attack Savannah! Do that cunning people really intend all their preparations as a ruse, meaning to invade Carolina instead.

Our Camp is agreeably situated on a bluff a mile or so from Perrysburg and three miles from Hardeeville--so we get the mails easily--a gun detachment is still at Hardee's, four miles from Red Bluff. When on picket there, before removing, the enemy steamed up and after firing shells as usual, carried off the obstruction they had previously broken. [*torn*] thank our stars, we're no appa[*torn*] [*torn*]sions from night attack, & Beden's Company being with us makes [*torn*] duty (there is not picket) very light [*torn*] absence of flies too makes our [*torn*] less disturbed. Fish are scarce [*torn*] The hitherto swollen state of the [*torn*] but the Fuller boys manage to get Turkeys from Sheldon and even butter which materially sooth the ills of a soldier's life. By the way the [...] sent with me was pronounced delicious. We had quite a dinner t' other day, pig, fowl, ham, pillar, hopping-john, & washed down by some tolerable whiskey. Bedon was at it--a pleasant fellow. By the way I gave him a note for Ralph enclosing \$50 (his pay is 40) which he promised to give some [...] person at Adams Run, or take to the Mills House, & get a receipt for--so Ralph had better enquire for it if he has not yet received it.

I have been nominally under arrest--on parole as it were, and will be until the Verdict is read out. This has effected my exemption from drills, guard, roll call, and digging entrenchments. Drayton indeed could scarcely have done me a greater favor, had he been so in[*torn*]ed. The weather now [*torn*]cy cold--quite bracing, but last [*torn*] would have been some [*torn*]table indeed.

[*torn*]ad now dear Emmie, I have pro[*torn*] long enough & had better close but will promise to write more frequently-- I risk enclosing \$40, of my pay--two twenty notes I cannot change & beg mama to send me instead two 5 bills--in smaller change, if possible, by return of mail.

With love to all at home & thanks for Mary's kind remembrance of me

Your attached brother

William

EGP

Beaumont 10th March [1862]

Wednesday's mail brought me My dear Mamma Your two letters (one of them ten days old) I was greatly relieved to find that You were all as well as usual and apparently in no immediate danger of an attack from the enemy. I hope You will have every thing in readiness tho' for it seems too evident that there will be some demonstration soon and with such numbers and equipments as to overpower our badly provided forces. Has Papa thought of removing his people from Social Hall? and Ralphe his from Bee Hive? they must have faith, if they have not.

Mr J writes deplorably of the Santee defenses -- both forts on South Island demolished, as worthless (after much expenditure of labor and time) The remaining fort upon its receiving the few pieces of ordnance from the dismantled fortifications, *caved in* but they were trying to rectify it. The river obstructions had floated away--and Yet the people were leaving expecting an immediate attack upon Georgetown. Mr J met four families leaving Santee. Mrs Girardeau among them. She is here with her little girl. Mr G has gone back to Santee. Mr J said he heard the 10th Regiment-- Col

Manigault could be called away, and he hoped it might be so-- for they certainly could by their presence only provoke an attack and not repel one.

Our Congress seems to be stirred up, to a sufficient point of action at last-- but not enough so to satisfy the Mercury -- how impertinent it is in every editorial-- do they still hope to upset Jeff Davis I wonder?

We are all well again, most of us have had Roseola, but as Bet Burnet said "it does not hurt."

On Friday we had the coldest day of the Season. I found Cartright getting in from the meadow, which had been partially flowed by rain -- and as it was getting colder-- I sent at once to tell Miller he must try and fill Your Ice house-- he did send but I have not heard the result. We managed to get only thirteen wagon loads--in our house. The pond not being frozen. I hope the fruit trees which were not in full bloom are uninjured. The children enjoyed two days of sunshine which have been very rare since Jany today it is again raining and looks dismal enough.

I know nothing of my neighbors. The weather, Roseola, and Jackson having cut his hand with an axe have combined to keep me at home. I have not felt inclined I must say for visiting-- but I have not driven to the post for a month. Miss Hinkel and I both miss our long walks and consequently good appetites-- perhaps too we miss the "Mountain dew"-- which is no longer to be had-- all that we have tried from other Stills than Goodwin's we cannot drink. Miss H. and I have been very busy -- trying to get **Gonzie's** stockings ready to send down by Wm J. I presume he will leave in a day or two unless he has made himself sick by exposure too soon after measles. Alice wrote that he would go out in the cold when still very weak. The socks are not as fine as we wished, but they will wear soft.

Edith begs Grandmama to bring every body from Oaklawn. "She knows she has an Aunt Callie but cant remember her"

With a plenty of love to all from Papa to Alphonse-- I am dear Mama

Your Affecte Mary

EGP

Camp Sturgeon [March] 13th 1862

My Dear Mother

All my letters sent by express have the misfortune to reach you long after date. To insure your getting the last on Tuesday I asked Robt Fuller to take and give it to the expressman--so from the carelessness of either you failed to receive it.

However, by a strange coincidence, I had just sent a letter to brother Tom, when I received a letter from him the same evening on the same subject. He had mentioned my name to Donelson, for volunteer aid -- who immediately sat down & wrote a line to me saying I might consider myself appointed. This Tom enclosed. It was very thoughtful of him. There were two vacancies [*sic*] on his staff. One Tom promised to secure for Big Bob Fuller, the other he offered me. I've written to Tom today to accept if they can keep it for me a little while as I'm peculiarly circumstanced at present, & a discharge would of course be refused me, before the verdict of the Court Martial is published. Stephen [Elliott] tells me this will amount to nothing. Yesterday his company was mustered in for two years, or the war--all did not reenlist, tho the bounty of \$50 doubtless had its influence in making them muster seventy odd. Since Ste's return, I learn that the first draft on the 20th will not reach us-- that for 5 regiments; -- but ten days after 12th April the unenlisted will be subject to another to raise the remainder--12600--in all--so I need to be in no immediate apprehension. Nat Stuart is elected first

Lieutenant and Baker, the former 1st, fourth. Ste knows how to make pretty of his men.

As you seem worried about me I send this at once. R must be mistaken as to aids being drafted, I should like to see them try it, under any circumstances a substitute can be hired. [...] & Fuller have got ten days furlough to get appointments. Should they be discharged before our term expires, they --Drayton-- cant consistently withhold their consent from me. Do excuse this incoherent letter. Love to all

Yr affectionate son
William

The Charleston *Courier*

14 March 1862, p. 2

No citizen has done more without office for South Carolina and the South, since the commencement of the present war, than A. J. Gonzales. A volunteer aid to Gen. Beauregard during his command in this city, he rendered constant and important services, which have been acknowledged. Afterwards he acted as Inspector General on Morris' Island, and on important posts on our coast, laboring diligently through the summer in places deemed dangerous to health and life.

He spent two months in Richmond, directing and urging the foundry operations, which gave us some valuable supplies of ordnance. That some of these pieces of ordnance were lost at Port Royal was not the fault of any engineering or plan of Gen. Gonzales.

Others of them are still in place and service for us at important posts which have been constructed by him, and have been approved most flatteringly by competent Engineers and Generals.

He labored with characteristic ardor and devotion in equipping, organizing and drilling the "siege train," now in the field, and has been lately employed on a military commission under authority of our Executive Council.

Through all this course of service he has gone without regular commission or position, although every list of appointments has contained names of men less qualified.

In December last, a memorial, urging his appointment, was voluntarily presented by many respectable citizens of our seaboard districts, and endorsed by Generals. One of the Generals, now in this State, has repeatedly expressed his high appreciation of General Gonzales as an ordnance officer, and his special fitness for the useful post of Chief of Ordnance on a Division Staff.

Similar testimonials have proceeded, we believe, from the State authorities, but no answer has been returned.

We rejoice that we have citizens willing to serve the State in this way, but we do not consider it desirable that offices should be bestowed so as to increase the necessity for such service.

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19 March 1862, 2

Among the many who, since this contest began, have constantly and ungrudgingly bestowed all their energies for the advancement of the Cause, without ever having received adequate acknowledgement of their services, is Gen. A. J. Gonzales. Our readers know how zealous and unremitting have been his labors in providing defences for the security of our seaboard; yet, while honors and military rank have been showered upon others far less deserving, he has, thus far, gone unrewarded. We sincerely hope that a fitting commission will ere long be conferred upon this skillful and indefatigable officer.

JDL, Letters 1841-1863, Box 1.

Columbia, So. Ca., March 20, 1862

His Excellency

Jefferson Davis
President C. S. of A.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose copies of two letters of yours when Secretary of War recently found among your correspondence. They will bear me as substantially correct in my stated alacrity to serve you when you called on me, at the same time that they demonstrate how little I had remembered what I had done, when I mistook your position as Secretary of War from Miss. with the Senatorship from that State; although so far as the defence of your acts under the Administration of Genl. Pierce was concerned the political relationship is obvious.

The files of the War Department contain the petition of the residents of Beaufort & St. Helena for the position of Brig. Genl. on the So. Ca. Coast, the letters of Genl. Ripley and Hon. Robt. Barnwell recommending me for the same as well as those of the first citizens of Charleston. They also contain the recommendation of Genl. J. C. Pemberton of Dec. 28th in the following words: "I consider him well qualified to fill the position of Chief of Artillery and would be very glad of his services as such, as Brigadier General or in any other grade. At present he has no commission although in the performance of active duty", and either the War Dept. or your private office must contain the application of the Governor and Council of South Carolina for such a position in the Army as would enable Genl. Pemberton to give me the command of his Artillery as it was his expressed wish to do; all of which recommendations I beg leave to say have sprung from a belief based upon act, in the people that I possess some military aptitude and acquirement, and from the personal knowledge & observation of the Generals I have been serving under as well as from thankfulness from the State authorities for my continued devotion to the cause. I appealing *by my acts*, all the while, as heretofore, and not at all to your gratitude, that you listen to those who know me best.

I have, Sir, the honor to be very respectfully

your obt. servt.
A. J. Gonzales

No "political relationship" such as before stated by A.J.G. is perceived--the defence of a policy for which he and others had been arraigned was not service to me personally.

J.D.

BOOK¹²¹

Columbia, S.C. March 20, 1862. First Nathan Davis called. Then Gonzales, who presented a fine soldierly appearance in his soldier's clothes--and the likeness to Beauregard greater than ever. Nathan, all the world knows, is by profession a handsome man.

General Gonzales told us what in the bitterness of soul he had written to Jeff Davis. He regretted that he had not been his classmate. Then he might have been as well treated as Northrop.¹²²

¹²¹. Woodward, ed., *Mary Chesnut's Civil War*.

¹²². Col. Lucius Bellingier Northrop, of Charleston, Confederate Commissary General.

In any case he would not have been refused a brigadiership. Citing General Trapier¹²³ and Tom Drayton. He had worked for it--had earned it. They had not--&c&c. To his surprise, Mr. Davis answered him--in a sharp note of four pages. Mr. Davis demanded from whom he quoted. "Not his classmate," General Gonzales responded. "From the public voice only." Now he will fight for us all the same but go on demanding justice from Jeff Davis until he gets his dues. At least, until one of them gets his dues, for he means to go on hitting Jeff Davis over the head whenever he has a chance.

"I am afraid you will find it hard to crack."

Reply, in his flowery Spanish way: "Jeff Davis will be the sun--radiating all light, heat, and patronage. He will not be a moon reflecting public opinion. For he has the soul of a despot. And he delights to spite public opinion. See--people abused him for making Crittenden brigadier; straightway he made him major general, and just after a blundering, besotted defeat, too."¹²⁴ Also he told the President in that letter: "Napoleon made his generals after great deeds on their parts. And not for having been educated at St. Cyr or Brie or the Polytechnique--&c&c."

Nathan Davis sat still as a Sioux warrior. Not an eyelash moved.

And yet he said afterward that he was amused while the Spaniard railed at his great namesake.

Gonzales said: "Mrs. Slidell would proudly tell she was a Creole. They were such fools they thought Creole meant--" Here Nathan interrupted pleasantly. (pp. 315-16)

The Charleston *Courier*

2 May 1862, 4

Editors Courier--I enclose thirty dollars, being subscription to gunboat fund, from my wife, infant daughter, my sister and her infant daughter, and sister-in-law and daughter. Cannot Charleston mechanics rival the constructors of the Merrimac? Allow me respectfully to suggest that all the contributions be devoted to building *one* boat, and not be frittered among several fancy names, and thus delayed. The Yankees, with their facilities, will have several in a very few months.

I am much pleased with your notice of General Gonzales. His valuable services, varied knowledge and experience, should have been long since appreciated in a more marked manner. I had the pleasure of having him as a tent-mate for a short time on Morris' Island, and have rarely been more impressed than then, by the evidence he gave of the qualities which make the soldier, and the modest demeanor which marks the gentleman. I know, personally, that the great chief whom our State delights to honor holds him in a very high estimation.

Winnsboro', S.C., March 15, 1862.

CMR and RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 185, p. 302.

Charleston, S.C. May 8th 1862.

General Samuel Cooper

Adj. & Inspt. Genl. C.S.A.

Sir:

¹²³. Commissioned a brigadier general in Oct. 1861, James Heyward Trapier of S.C. was later condemned by Braxton Bragg and the Fla. state convention as unfit for command.

¹²⁴. Although his father, U.S. Congressman John Jordan Crittenden, remained with the Union, George Bibb Crittenden of Ky. left the U.S. Army in 1861 and joined the C.S.A. He was already a major general when humiliated at the battle of Mills Springs, Ky., in Jan. 1862. Arrested and censured, he resigned his commission in Oct.

I have the honor respectfully to apply for the position of Chief of Artillery in Genl. Pemberton's Military Department, recently held by Major Long,¹²⁵ C.S.A.

I am, very respectfully your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales

(First Indorsement)

Head Quarters
8 May 1862

I join with great pleasure in the above application. The Executive Council sent on a recommendation of Genl. Gonzales before at the suggestion of Genl. Pemberton for a similar appointment, and I have employed Genl. Gonzales whenever I could in the service of the State, and in every position he has discharged his duties with zeal, fidelity, & decisive military ability.

F. W. Pickens

(Second Indorsement)

I take great pleasure in recommending to the President and the Hon. Sec. of War Genl. A. J. Gonzales, by me, from the highest testimony, [...] from the position he asks.

James Chesnut
Wm. H. Gist
I. W. Hayne

(Third Indorsement)

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Geo.
Charleston, May 8 /62

Maj. A. L. Long having been relieved from duty in this Dept. and there being at this time no Chief of Artillery, a most important & responsible office, I respectfully recommend, that Mr. A. J. Gonzales be commissioned with a rank not less than Lt. Col. in the Prov. Army and assigned to duty in this Dept. I know of no one better qualified.

very respt.
J. C. Pemberton
Maj. Genl. Cmdg.

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, July-September 1862, Chapter 1, Vol. 50, May 12, 1862. P. 737.

Appointed Chief of Artillery, So. Ca. & Geo., rank of Colonel.

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, pp. 113-114.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Ga.
Charleston S.C. May 12th 1862

General Orders No. 16

Before a General Court Martial convened at Hardeeville S.C. Pursuant to Special Orders No. 27 from Head Quarters Dept. of S.C. etc. and of which Comd Maj. William M. Guist 15th Reg. S.C. Vols. is President was arraigned and tried viz --

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¹²⁵. Major Armistead Lindsay Long. Aide-de-camp to his father-in-law, U.S. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner until he resigned his commission on 10 June 1861 to become a Confederate Major of Artillery.

(9) Private Wm. Elliott, Co. A, 9th Regt. S.C.V. on the following charges & specifications--

Charge I -- Absent without leave.

Specification -- In this; that he the said Pvt. William Elliott of Capt. S. Elliott's Co. 9th Regt. S.C.V. did absent himself without leave from Camp Elliott on the 15th Feby. and did remain absent until the 18th of the same month.

Charge II -- Disobedience of orders.

Specification -- In this; that the said Pvt. William Elliott of Capt Elliott's Co. 9th Regt. S.C.V. did absent himself from Camp Elliott on the 15th Feby. 1862 after permission had been refused by Genl. Drayton and did remain absent until 18th of the same month. To which charges & specifications the accused pleaded as follows

To spec. of first charge -- not guilty

" 1st charge -- " "

" spec. of 2d charge " "

" 2d charge " "

Findings & Sentence

The court after mature deliberation finds the accused as follows
of the spec. of the 1st. charge -- not guilty

" " 1st charge " "

" " spec. 2d charge " "

" " 2d charge " "

And the court did therefore acquit the said Wm. Elliott Co. A, 9th Regt. S.C.V.

CMR

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Geo.
Charleston May 27 /62

Genl. S. Cooper
Adj. Insp. Genl.
General,

It is very important that an officer well acquainted with artillery in all its branches, should have the supervision and direction of this branch of the service within this Dept. of S.C. & Geo.

I know of no one so well qualified to fill the position as Mr. A. J. Gonzales; I therefore respectfully recommend that he be appointed in the Prvt. Army with rank not less than Lieut. Colonel. There are Majors Comdg. several batteries, and if appointed Chief of Art. he must be their Senior. It is for this reason I have specified a grade [...] which his services would not be available.

Very resptfy. your obd. serv.

J. C. Pemberton
Maj.Gen. Comd.

Recd. A & I.G.O. May 31 /62
Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War.

John Withers
Asst. Adj. Genl.

June 15 /62

Nominate as Lt. Col. of artillery ordered to Gen. Pemberton.

AIG, 1862-G551.

Charleston, S.C.
May 28th 1862

General S. Cooper
Adjutant General, C.S.

General:

immediately upon receipt of your telegram stating that Genl. Pemberton's recommendation of me for the position of Chief of Artillery in his Department forwarded to you by his A. A. Genl. had not reached your office, although sent over two weeks ago, the General wrote an application which will probably go by this mail. The application which has miscarried contained the very strong endorsement of Governor Pickens & the Executive Council of this State.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a statement made by Genl. Ripley, on leaving his command, of service rendered by me to the Confederate States, in the hope that, the President may find in them sufficient reason not to limit my rank to the lowest grade designated by Genl. Pemberton especially as the fact has escaped the memory of the latter that in South Carolina alone there are two Lieut. Colonels of Artillery Messrs. Calhoun & Wagner and Lieut. Col. Huger (formerly my Aid) of the State troops, now in Confederate employment.

During the three months I commanded the Siege Train & constructed batteries & obstructions under the eye of Genl. Lee, although my troops & staff were paid, I have not received nor asked it from the Confederate or State authorities, but have incurred debts in equipping myself & paying my expenses. Latterly I have been employed on a military commission by the state, also without emolument.

Apologizing for so long a statement,

I remain General very respectfully your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales

(Copy)

Head Quarters, 2d Military District, So. Ca.
Charleston, May 16, 1862

Genl. A. J. Gonzales
Charleston, S.C.

General:

I have the honor in answer to your request to state that upon the approach of the enemy's fleet to the shores of South Carolina you organized a Siege Train under my orders and commanded it from the 2d of November 1861 until after it was detached from my command and to the latter part of January 1862.

It was composed of four 8-inch siege howitzers and manned by one company acting as Artillery. Two companies of cavalry were attached to your command.

You took post early in November at the advanced positions near Coosawhatchie and under your directions were constructed the obstructions in that river and the batteries which commanded

¹²⁶ George Wythe Randolph. Grandson of Thomas Jefferson. Forty-four-year-old Richmond lawyer appointed Confederate Secretary of War.

them, believed to be as durable and permanent as any in the State.

Subsequently I have been informed that you were in the advance at Pocotaligo and I give it as my knowledge that during the time mentioned you rendered valuable and efficient service to the Confederate States.

I am &c.
R. S. Ripley

P.S. During the Summer you were engaged in getting the armament which has been used at different points in the coast and a portion of which is and has been for the last six or seven months in position for the defence of Charleston.

I am &c.
R. S. R.

CMR

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.
Charleston June 8th, 1862

Special Orders
No. 26

Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales-- Artillery P.A.C.S. is announced Chief of Artillery, department of S.C. & Ga. He will forthwith proceed to this point and report for further instructions.

By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton
Signed R. W. Meminger
A.A.G.

True copy
A. J. Gonzales
Lieut. Col. & Chief of Arty.
Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.

OR, Series 1, Vol. 14, 556.

Hdqrs. Department of S.C. and Ga.,
Charleston, S.C., June 8, 1862.

General Orders No. 26

Lieut. Col. A. J. Gonzales, artillery, Provisional Army of the Confederate States, is announced chief of artillery, Department of South Carolina and Georgia. He will forthwith proceed to this point and report for further instructions.

By order of Major-General Pemberton:

J. R. Waddy
Assistant Adjutant-General

CHS

Charleston, S.C., June 10th 1862

General:

I have the honor respectfully to request that Lieut. Willis Wilkinson, Artillery C.S.A. be assigned as my assistant.

Very respectfully
A. J. Gonzales
Lieut. Col. & Chief of Artillery

Major Genl. J. C. Pemberton
OR, Series 1, Vol. 14, 556.

Hdqrs. Dept. of South Carolina and Georgia
Charleston, S.C., June 12, 1862.

Lieut. Col. A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Artillery Department:
Colonel:

There are two 42-pounder carronades and two 24-pounder navy guns now at Saint Andrew's Depot, with 100 rounds of ammunition per gun. The major-general commanding wishes you to designate the position for them to be placed on the lines. The general wishes these guns to be placed in the most advantageous position you can possibly select.

J. R. Waddy
Assistant Adjutant-General

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, pp. 288-289.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Ga.
Charleston, June 13th 1862

Special Orders No. 77

VIII -- Private Theodore Jervey of the Calhoun Guards is hereby detailed on extra duty and will report at once to Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales at Charleston, S.C.

By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton

J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, p. 289.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Ga.
Charleston, June 14th 1862

Special Orders No. 78

I. Lieut. J. L. Boatwright is hereby assigned to duty with Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales and will forthwith report to that officer for instructions.

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By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton

J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

OR, Series 1, Vol. 14, 565.

Hdqrs. Dept. of South Carolina and Georgia
Charleston, S.C., June 14, 1862.

Lieut. Col. A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Artillery, &c.:
Colonel:

The major-general commanding directs me to inform you that he has instructed Capt. W. H. Echols¹²⁷ to lay out a battery¹²⁸ near Newtown's Cut, to consist of a 42-pounder rifled gun, barbette, four siege 8-inch howitzers, and two siege 24-pounder rifled guns, the position to be designated by

¹²⁷. William H. Echols. Chief Engineer for South Carolina headquartered at Charleston.

¹²⁸ Battery Tynes.

Colonel Wagner. The major-general directs that you render all assistance in your power to Captain Echols, that the work may be completed at the earliest possible moment.

J. C. Taylor
Aide-de-Camp

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, p. 291.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Ga.
Charleston, June 15th 1862

Special Orders No. 79

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VIII -- Capt. W. M. Ramsey engineer will take charge of and direct the construction of batteries on the line of entrenchments from the Wappoo Cut to James Island Creek; Mr. Stewart Eng. now engaged on the line will receive his instructions from Capt. Ramsey.

IX -- Capt. Ramsay will as speedy as possible will cause ramps for Field Artillery to be constructed along this line at such points as Lt. Col. Gonzales Chief of Artillery shall designate. Platforms of timber need not be laid for field guns.

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By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton
J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

The Charleston Daily *Courier*
16 June 1862,¹²⁹ p. 2.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Gonzales.--No citizen, native or adopted, has labored more zealously, efficiently, and disinterestedly for South Carolina since the opening of the war, than General A. J. GONZALES, as he is known to his friends. He bears the title of General, not from a militia pastime, but from active and honorable service under another flag, but for the cause of Independence and Self-Government, now involved in the contest of the South against the North. Although of military studies, habits, and experience, General GONZALES was not in the line of promotion, not being a West Pointer, and has accordingly served thus far without adequate commission or reward, beyond the consciousness of duty, and the flattering testimonials of all under whose commands he has acted. In the prosecution of the measures deemed necessary to obtain adequate supplies for the State, he exhibited a perseverance and importunity which overcame difficulties that repelled others, and performed what was considered impossibilities. A portion of the fruits of his assiduous and importune application at Richmond was lost--not through any fault of his--at Port Royal, but a great portion remains.

We are pleased to learn that his merits and devotion to the cause have been in some degree recognized at length, and he is now appointed and commissioned Chief of Artillery for the department of South Carolina and Georgia, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

His office and address for the present will be in this city.

The Charleston *Mercury*
16 June 1862, 2

PERSONAL.--We are glad to learn that General Gonzales has at last received from the Government a slight recognition of his zelous and untiring services. He now holds the commission

¹²⁹ On 16 June 1862, the Union Army attacked Secessionville, S.C.

of Inspector of Artillery for the States of South Carolina and Georgia, with the rank of Lieut. General.

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, p. 301.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. S.C. & Ga.
Charleston, June 23rd 1862

Special Orders No. 87

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IX -- Lieut. George W. Mayo C. S. Artillery is hereby assigned to artillery duty and will report to Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery of the Department of So. Ca. & Ga.

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By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton
J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

The Charleston Daily *Courier*
Friday, 27 June 1862, p. 2, col. 3

Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. GONZALES has submitted to the General Commanding this department, plans for the efficient use and application of barbette and siege guns, with special reference to the speedy change of batteries and the concentration of fire towards any required point.

It is not proper that we should say anything of the details which have been for sometime well considered by the author who has devoted himself zealously and perseveringly to the matter.

EGP

Beaumont Sunday [June 1862]

I am very grateful to You dearest Mamma for Your two letters of last week I had received Yesterday, was a great relief, as I felt very anxious about Ralph & the General. I suppose our anxieties must be kept up much longer however if the James Island invasion is to be thwarted. I hope the Yankee entrenchments there may be demolished in some way so much quarreling among the officers cannot be beneficial to us. We are having summer weather at last and I dare say You are feeling the difference too. I did not go to Church because of the heat and because Mr J. may arrive at any time today. He wrote me he would leave on Wednesday for Pineville there taking the Rail Road and I think he must have reached Greenville last night. he will pay us a visit while his cabin is being built but I hope to keep him much longer. Mr Middleton & Mr Lowndes have come ahead of him. As the crops are abandoned, it seems hard to have to stay to watch idle darkies.

I am glad to tell You Aunt Pinckney is improving. I saw her on Thursday eve. but it was dark, so I could not judge of her appearance. She was sitting up for the first time and allows for the first "She feels better." A letter from Mary Man last week said She would leave Columbia on Thursday, but the Friday's stage did not bring her, so I conclude She has postponed. The Huger's have not a horse or mule in their establishment, so we shall have to do all the visiting.

I am so glad to hear **Gonzie** has at last got the position he so much wished. I only hope the means to do good with his Artillery will not be withheld. I am very glad too Wm has a 1st Lieutenancy. I had heard one of John Izard. Middleton's Son was to be 1st Lieut in that same company and feared disappointment for William. Ralph M--n has also been offered a position (as Sergeant I think) and has been to the River to recruit, with what success I do not know. The Hotel is still empty. The Girardeau's are to go there Mrs Drayton told me (I suppose Mr M and Mr G are not congenial) Mr & Mrs D soon paying their last visits previous to sending off their horses to

Columbia for Madame Togno. Several persons would have relieved her of the care of the horses but Jack was the obstacle. I hope dear Mamma You are enjoying a great many comforts at Oaklawn. Take all You can possibly get before leaving-- it is so hard to scrape along here, and do try and boil salt, for that may bring any provisions You want-- excepting mean beef at 11 cts, we have *nothing* offered for sale, not even a chicken for which people who are lucky enough to get them pay 25 cts. I have not yet been to see the Stuarts. Annie went yesterday and found the younger ones cheerful. The Aikens have come to Hillside. Mr A. returning to the city-- he must tremble for his houses there-- by the by, I read a letter from Bet to Mary Seabrook telling of the occupation of the Beaufort houses-- as pumped out of a prisoner. Papa's house is inhabited by the female abolition teachers, Com. Dupont is in Sams and Gen Stevens in John Smiths. Mr Stuart told Elliott yesterday that the Yankees had landed at Combahee-- if true I fear Papa will be annoyed at Cheeha. What terrible exposures, our Men are subjected to and how obstinate the Yankees must be, to venture on such regions at this season. I hope you are able to help the poor wounded soldiers around You, by lending Servants to nurse them it would have a good effect upon Amy and some others I am sure. Mrs Huger and Mrs Pringle told me so much of their last winter's experience in the hospitals it made me feel that I had been too useless it seems so essential for ladies to superintend the nourishments etc of such establishments. Mrs Huger gave W. & Juliet all winter as nurses. Mrs Reid is in very poor health. She drove here a few days ago but was too weak to get out of the buggy. I hear Johnnie is anxious to get something to do over the Mountains that he may bring his child who is teething. Mr Drayton has I hear applied for the Blake's Church. Nonie has been ailing lately and looks badly. poor Soul, She does not like to grow old. The rest of us are quite well. I shall add to my letter to tomorrow, and in the mean time say good bye, with abundance of love to all

Your Affecte Mary

Monday. Mr J. arrived Yesterday quite well and cheerful considering the abandonment of his beautiful crop of rice & provisions he is having a pine land house put up in case he has to return. We are having a very cool spell again & too chilly for comfort. Mr J. says Pemberton is considered to have done everything to cause the surrender of Charleston-- he did not pass thro' the city but met many acquaintances on the cars which are still crowded with refugees. We have nothing now. With much love.

Your affecte
Mary

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, p. 310.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.
Charleston, July 1st 1862

Special Orders No. 94

... II -- Major J. G. Barnwell P.A.C.S. is assigned to duty in the Artillery Department and will report to Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales Chief of Artillery for the Dept. at Charleston, S.C. ...

By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton

J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, p. 178.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.
Charleston, July 18th 1862

General Orders No. 36

I -- Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales Chief of Artillery of this Department, in addition to his present duties, is hereby assigned to duty as Chief of Ordnance and Artillery of the Department of So. Ca. & Ga.

By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton

J. R. Wady, A.A.G.

The Charleston *Courier*

Saturday, 19 July 1862, 1

Obsequies of Lieut. Col. Thomas M. Wagner.

The obsequies of the lamented Col. Thomas M. Wagner took place Friday morning. A military escort of Regulars from Forts Sumter and Moultrie, under the command of Major Alfred Rhett, accompanied by the band, reached the city shortly after eight o'clock, and marched to the late residence of the deceased, the band playing a solemn dirge.

The public demonstration of sympathy and respect for the deceased was exhibited in the large assemblage of all classes, civil and military, old and young, along the route where the cortege was to pass, and at St. Michael's Church, where the funeral solemnities were to take place.

The melancholy procession moved towards the Church, a little after nine o'clock, in the following order:

Escort of Regulars with arms reversed.

Hearse.

Pall Bearers composed of Officers of Forts Sumter and Moultrie.

Band.

Lt. Col. Gonzales and Surgeon T. L. Ogier.

Carriages containing the relatives and friends of the deceased.

The body was taken from the hearse into the Church by the pall bearers, followed by the crowd, who had been waiting outside. The Church was filled, and seldom have we seen a more general exhibition of sadness.

The beautiful burial service of the Episcopal Church was read by the Rev. James H. Elliott, who officiated on the sad occasion. The requiem for the dead was also sung by the choir in the most impressive manner.

After the service the body was taken and deposited in its final resting place in the Churchyard, alongside of other deceased members of the family.

The usual military salute of three volleys was fired over the grave, and the mortal remains of Thomas M. Wagner were covered from the sight of a heart-stricken community.

CSW, Roll 62, M-1046.

Head Quarters, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance
Department of So. Ca. & Geo.

July 30th 1862

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of War, in the absence of Genl. Pemberton, with the remark that this Corps of Artillery is not, at this time, deemed requisite for the defence of this Department.

By order of Maj. Genl. J. C. Pemberton

A. J. Gonzales

Lieut. Col. & Chief of Artillery and Ordnance
Dept. of So. Ca. & Geo.

Recd. Aug. 4, 62

CMR

Confederate States of America
Richmond, Aug. 11, 1862

Honorable G. W. Randolph
Secty. of War

Sir:

I respectfully recommend

Memoranda. Lieut. Col. A. J. Gonzales, Provl. Army, to be promoted Colonel, Chief of Arty,
Dept. S.C. & Geo. ...

Respy.

J. C. Pemberton

Maj. Gen. Cdg.

Dept. S.C. & Geo.

Recd. A. & I.G.O. Aug. 12 /62

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 43, p. 6; and *Charleston Daily Courier*, 20 August 1862, 2.

Head Quarters, Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.
Charleston, August 16th 1862

General Orders No. 45

I. Major J. J. Pope, Corps Artillery, P.A.C.S., having been ordered to report for duty in this Department, is hereby assigned to duty as Chief of Ordnance of the Department of South Carolina and Georgia.

II. Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales at present Chief of Arty. & Ordnance is hereby relieved from his ordnance duties and will hereafter be known as Chief of Artillery of the Department.

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J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

R.G. 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 42, pp. 356-357.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.
Charleston, August 18th 1862

Special Orders No. 137

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IV -- By direction of the Hon. Secretary of War a court of inquiry is hereby ordered to assemble at Adams Run S.C. on Monday August 24th 1862 at 11 o'clock a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of Col John Dunnivant 1st Regiment S.C. Infantry under the act of Congress embodied in Paragraph II -- of General Orders No. 38 from War Department at Richmond approved April 21st 1862.

Detail for the Court

Brig Gen. Johnson Hagood P.A.C.S.

Col. J. T. McCollough, 16th Regmt. S.C.V.

Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales P.A.C.S. Arty Corps

Capt. F. H. Harleston 1st Regiment S. C. Arty is appointed recorder of the court.

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By order of Maj. Gen. Pemberton

J. R. Waddy, A.A.G.

CMR

No. 21

Confederate States of America.

To: Lt. Col. A. J. Gonzales Arty. P.A.C.S.

For commutation of quarters at Charleston from the 8 of June 1862 to the 8 August 1862, inclusive, 4 rooms, at 9 dollars each, per month. 72.00

For commutation of fuel for the same period--

	Cords		
For myself	2		
For my servant			
Being	2	at 87/100 per cord	<u>14.00</u>
			86.00

I Certify, on honor, that there were no quarters owned or hired by the public, at the above station, which could be assigned to Lt Col A J Gonzales-- during the above period; and that the fuel is charged at the average market price for the month.

Quartermaster

I Certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just; that I have been regularly stationed on duty at Charleston by order of Maj Gen Pemberton during the period charged for; that I have not been furnished with quarters, tent, or fuel, by the public, nor received a commutation of money in lieu thereof.

A. J. Gonzales

Received at Charleston the 19 of Augst 1862 of Capt M A [...] Quartermaster C.S. Army, Eighty six dollars, in full of the above amount.

(Signed in Duplicate)

A. J. Gonzales

Lt. Col. & Chief of Arty.

Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.

CMR

(Form No. 3.--Officers' Pay Account.)

The Confederate States of America.

To Lieutenant Colonel A. J. Gonzales, Arty P.A.C.S.

On What Account	Commencement	and Expiration.	Terms of service	Pay, per month	Amount.	
Pay--	From	To	Months	Days	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
For myself,	4th June 1862	30th June		27	185.00	166.50

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent without leave during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service, and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States, on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from -----

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major Norman W. Smith Q.M.

P.A.C.S. this 19th day of August 1862, the sum of One hundred and sixty six 50/100 dollars, being the amount, in full, of said account.

Pay	\$166.50	
Forage		(Signed Duplicates)
Amount	\$166.50	

A. J. Gonzales
Lt. Col & Chief of Artillery
Dept S.C. & Ga.

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, July-September 1862, Chapter 1, Vol. 50, Aug. 21, 1862.

Asks that the papers relative to his appointment as Colonel be sent to him.

GFP

Oak Lawn Sep. 2nd [1862]

General A. J. Gonzales

My own darling Gonzie

I received your letter on saturday & on sunday sent for one box which was at [...] Depot. I am very much obliged for the nice things you sent. The stockings fit very nicely & are quite fine in these times. Callie seems pleased with your shopping although doleful at not getting a tooth brush. I am giving the boys [...] even the Baby likes it. I have suffered from my eyes lately & am looking quite like a hag! The weather has been shocking & Mama has come here to-day to see if a drive will make her better. She is looking badly from her late attack. Papa & Callie are in the village. The latter is in bed with sore throat. Mrs. Hagood leaves today to return after a frost. Her husband has determined *not* to attack the corn & potatoes on Edisto. The cows & sheep on the Island are to be driven over. The crops are not worth gathering. Four Companies of Black's Cavalry have moved in the village in order to be properly drilled. Hagood has Young Hozne staying with him. I suspect that he is to be ordnance officer. I see from the paper that Confederate bills of twenty dollars are to be called in. Can you tell me if the money you put in bank for me was Confederate or state money. I think that yours must have been the former & you had better see after it in time. I hope to see you soon. I think you may be sure of being sent to the R.R. next time you come. Bob is again cook & fisherman & seems ashamed of his late attempts. Mr. Barnwell is hunting his negroes with Cordrey & dogs. He is sure that they are still on this side. The Rebels have not returned. We miss their camp fires. Major Nelson & his brother actually paid the girls a visit some evenings ago. They both look badly. Emmie was expressing her pleasure at Beauregard's return to the army when Warren Nelson said "yes it seemed to be the general desire although B. was not much of a general." Tis a miserable thing to be a great man in this country. I want you to have your promotion announced in the papers. No one will know of it if you do not have it noticed. Mama wrote a full account of Ethan Aikens wedding she helping to get up the supper. The bride looked wonderfully well & had four very pretty bridesmaids. They were married at Mrs L. and not at church as was at first intended. Papa is very miserable at the non arrival of the whiskey Ralph can not account for it. Carr has not written to him on the subject. I hope it will come to-day. I have just heard the news of another victory. I hope it will lead us on to Washington. So Beauregard is coming to Charleston. Will Pemberton remain? The whiskey not come it may have been stolen! If you write me word what day you are arriving I will try & ride down for you & take you on to Oak Lawn.

Wednesday -- All well, Papa telegraphed you last night about the whiskey. Moma asks that you will request Mr. Jervey to get some writing paper for Papa & send it up by you. Dr. Smith is now paying Ralph a visit in his tent. I should not be surprised if he remains in the village in Black's Regiment. Good bye my darling. The boys are quite anxious to see you. They are quite disgusted at my not being able to play wolf with them. With love from all I remain ever

Your devoted
Hattie

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By Telegraph from *Charleston Septer 6, 1862*

To Gen. G. T. Beauregard
When will you be among us.

A. J. Gonzales
Chf Artillery

6.50

Ans. Sept. 7th 1862

Have received no orders--look out for the Monitors.

G.T.B.

charge to Govt.

G.T.B.

AGP; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 171.

Charleston, Sept. 6th 1862

General G. T. Beauregard.

My dear General:

You can well imagine the delight with which I look forward to renewed service under you: this time with the sanction of the Confederate Government, for I have been for some months past, as I sent to tell you by your son René, Chief of Artillery of this Department; at first with the rank of Lieut: Col.; now with that of Colonel of Artillery.

I must leave tomorrow for Adams Run, S. C. to sit on a Court of Enquiry. I have asked Genl. Pemberton to substitute some other officer, in order that I might attend to my many duties in this crisis as well as for the purpose of seeing you on your arrival; but Genl. Pemberton says I must go. So, dear General, I must say in writing what I desired to say verbally, to wit: that I wish to be both your Chief of Artillery and your Inspector General. This latter post I held under you before, and in it I can now be of still greater service to you, as my long devotion to the defence of this State has made me thoroughly conversant with all that relates to it: "personnel" as well as "materiel", and if your health does not yet allow you of great physical exertion I can assist you much until you fully recover your wanted strength. This position, I feel confident, would cause me eventually to be included among the staff general officers, recently recommended by the Secretary of War, which recommendation has, I believe, been embodied in a Bill introduced by Col. Miles.

My family are at Adams Run, 24 miles from Charleston, and they have all been equally gratified with me at your transfer to this Command. Our third & last boy, little "Beauregard" now two

years old, is a fine little fellow, and in the opinion of the folks at home does honor to his good name.
Should Mrs. Beauregard be with you, please make my best regards to her.

I am, General, as ever,
very truly yours
A. J. Gonzales.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 35, p. 458.

Telegram

Mobile, 7th September 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Artillery
Charleston, S.C.

Have received no orders--look out for the Monitors.

G. T. Beauregard¹³⁰

EGP

Camp Pemberton
Mc Phersonville 13th Sep [1862]

My Dear Emily

I send a short note to day by Young Seabrook (on [*torn*] of the Lieut) which I hope will reach you. I have this morning applied for a furlough, which Major Smith says cannot be granted at present because there are so few officers. Capt Waring however goes to day for ten days, after his return he thinks there will be no difficulty in obtaining one. Edmund Rhett has found his health too delicate to come to Camp, although he was well enough to go to Flat Rock. He now has the jundice -- however he will draw pay from the 30th of June -- time of his appointment.

There's justice for you. Smith is a good officer -- but narrow minded. He is also a Rhettite, & takes up for Alfred Rhett, in an affair, for which he should be cashiered. My silence is attributable, to many small and annoying duties which have prevented me from having any time I could call my own -- and this scrawl, is sent chiefly to thank you all for your many kind attentions in writing often to me, and forwarding those creature comforts, which tend so materially to soften the discomforts and [*torn*]rerities of Camp life. I don't know [*torn*] Callie or Miss Hester Drayton or any other Spinsters of that benevolent class, will be called upon for the exercise of their charities in behalf of this battalion at present. Its prospects at present are better. They all seem to have shirts-- and their measures have been taken for new uniforms, which the influence of Q M Motte Pringle has secured for them. They are being well drilled, and will no doubt present a good appearance in a months time. The great difficulty is to find the men to fill it up with. Several of those here must be discharged from phisical [*sic*] infirmity. Our muster roll (Co C) is 95 men of which 20 have not reported for duty several sick in hospital -- some deserted Some sick in camp, having about 30 for drill & parade; But Major Smith having been relieved from the examining Board, has now taken Command and will probably effect some thing before long -- get conscripts perhaps. What Glorious News we are hearing? Yr aff brother

William

¹³⁰ General Beauregard arrived in Charleston on 15 September. He toured the Department from the 16 to the 21 of September, and assumed command on the 24th.

Charleston, S.C., September 19, 1862

Col. J. Gorgas
Chief of Ordnance
Richmond, Va.

Colonel:

I am directed by the major-general commanding to inclose to you the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Smith, and to say that as the complement of heavy guns promised for this department cannot be had from Rome, you have the goodness of providing them from Richmond, over and above the 10-inch columbiads which are to come from there. I have the honor further to state that it is the wish of General Beauregard, who has not yet assumed command, that the guns you supply from Richmond in lieu of those expected from Rome, Ga., be 10-inch instead of 8-inch columbiads, in view of the formidable character of the iron-clad ships preparing for the attack of Charleston.

I am, colonel, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Ambrosio José Gonzales
Colonel and Chief of Artillery
Dept. South Carolina and Georgia

Savannah Republican

Monday, 22 September 1862, 1¹³¹

Personal--General Beauregard, accompanied by his Aids, Col. Roman and Capt. Beauregard, and also by Major-General Pemberton and Staff officers Capt. Sanders and Lieut. Taylor, arrived in Savannah Saturday afternoon, by a special train from Charleston. Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, is also of the party.

Bad as was the weather, the rain pouring throughout the day, General B. was engaged through the whole of yesterday in inspecting the defences of the city, which we hope he found fully up to his expectation.

AGP; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 172.

Bureau of Artillery
Charleston, Sept. 25th 1862

General
G. T. Beauregard
Comdg. Dept. So. Ca. & Geo.
General:

I respectfully request that you assign Capt. W. J. Saunders to duty as my Assistant in the Light Artillery branch of my Dept. It is the more desirable time, that the close attention I am compelled to give, in the imminency of an attack on Charleston by sea, to the heavy batteries in this Harbor, precludes at present such as should be paid to the Light Artillery, not yet fully equipped. Capt. Saunders has served with distinction in Capt. Ransour's efficient battery of North Carolina Artillery, has been recently in the battles fought in the Peninsula from Yorktown to those near Richmond and has been warmly recommended to the Department at Richmond, for the same position,

¹³¹ Reprinted in the Charleston *Courier*, 23 September 1862, 1, and the Charleston *Mercury*, 23 September 1862, 1.

with the rank of Captain, by your predecessor Major Genl. Pemberton, under whom he served in Virginia on the James River.

I am, General, very respectfully, your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Artillery
Dept. S.C. & Geo.

Approved
G.T. Beauregard
Genl. Comdg.

PGD

Sept-- 28, 1862

Request Commodore Ingraham to attend a meeting at 11 h a.m. tomorrow of several of my officers to discuss Harbor defences of Charleston-- & to write, should he think proper, Capt Tucker to accompany him.

Order Genl. Gist, Col. Gonzales & Capt. Lee engr. come at these Hd Qrs for the purpose above indicated-- so that they may reflect meanwhile on the subject.

G.T.B.

Let them get these today.
done

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, pp. 290-292; and **OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, p. 621.

Charleston, September 29, 1862

In the office of the General Commanding the Department, Charleston, Sept. 29th, 1862, at a conference to which General Beauregard had invited the following officers: Com. D. A. Ingraham & Capt. I. R. Tucker, C.S. Navy; Brig. Genls. S. R. Gist, Thomas Jordan, Cols. G. W. Lay, Inspector General, & A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, and Capt. F. D. Lee, Engineers, Capt. W. H. Echols, chief engineer, being absent from the city.

The general commanding proposed for discussion a number of queries prepared by himself in relation to the problem of the defense of the harbor, forts, and city of Charleston against the impending naval attack by a formidable iron-clad fleet.

It was agreed to separate the consideration of these questions so as to discuss:

1st. The entrance, *i.e.*, all outside of a line drawn from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, thence to Cummings Point, including also outside of this line Battery Beauregard, at the entrance of the Maffit Channel.

2d. The gorge, *i.e.*, the section included between that line and the line of a floating boom from Fort Sumter to the west end of Sullivan's Island.

AGP; RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 176-177.

[This letter is missing, only the cover briefing remains].

Charleston, S.C. 29 Sept. /62

A. J. Gonzales Chief of Arty.

Relating to: serving of troops on James Isld, assisting defence of Charleston, protecting our gun-boats &c viz:

1. Obstruct Ashley River by sinking ships loaded with rubbish.
2. Place disposable heavy guns at Lawton.

3. Withdraw 3 guns from Morris Isld. & from gun-boat near that place substituting others in place of board of [...]

4. Substitute heavy guns of Sumner with for weaker ones.

5. Change character of Fort Pemberton, by having obstructions placed under its plunging fire: also, other [...] &c.

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, July-September 1862, Chapter 1, Vol. 50.

Charleston, Oct. 2, 1862.

Application for Ordnance captured at Harper's Ferry.

SEC. WAR, Oct. 8, 1862.

JHR

Church Flats Batteries
Church Flats, 4th Oct. 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery

Colonel:

I beg leave to call your attention to the following matters:

The pintle bolt to No. 1 32 Pnd. Gun is too long. It was made for the 42 Pnd. chassis which was recently removed. The consequence is that the chassis & carriage is unsteady and rocks laterally. Besides, the strain upon the pintle at its point is such, that I think it will be broken off by the recoil of the gun when fired. I was about in a Board at Adam's Run, when Capt. Carter mounted the gun, otherwise I should then have objected to the gun being left in its present condition.

I would suggest that the 12 Pd. Rifle Gun be removed from the Bridge Battery (where its fire is too concentrated for bridge defence, and it can be brought to bear upon no other point,) to No. 3 apartment of the 32 Pd. Battery. At this latter position it would command up the River, across the River, and the causeway. It would require an elevated platform to be built. The 32 Pd. guns can be brought to bear up the River only by being traversed against and *into* the epaulment, the *right* gun firing to the *left* of the left gun.

A 24 Pd. with canister and grape would be more appropriate for the Bridge Battery.

The Battery needs repairing. The revetment has fallen in several places. The flank traverse of the Magazine is especially in bad condition.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

James H. Rion, Capt.
Comd'g. Batteries
Hd. Qrs. Chief of Artillery
Oct. 8th 1862.

Respectfully referred to the Genl. Comdg. with the recommendation that the engineering & ordnance work herein suggested be ordered; that the position of the 12 pd. rifled gun be changed to that of (positive) chamber No. 3 in main battery, through an order on General Johnson Hagood Comdg. 2d Mil. Dist; that an 18 pd. with barbette carriage (at present at White Point Battery, Charleston), be assigned to the Bridge Battery of Church Flats & that Capt. James H. Rion be instructed to send in at once requisition for implements & ammunition therefor. Furthermore, that the works at Church Flats be enclosed, in order to protect them from a land attack; & positions be made

ready for siege guns on the land approach. The enemy can land on Simmon's Bluff, Wadmalaw Sound and by marching a few miles, take it in reverse. It is but about 7 miles to Rantowles one of the keys to the city of Charleston.

A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Arty.
Dept. So. Ca. & Ga.

Approved Oct. 9/62
G.T.B., General Commanding

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 29, p. 269.

October 5, 1862

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, recommends 2nd Lieutenant J. L. Boatwright, C.S.A., for promotion to 1st Lieutenancy.

Approved & respectfully forwarded.

By Genl. Beauregard, Oct. 7th 1862

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, July-September 1862, Chapter 1, Vol. 50.

Charleston, Oct. 5, 1862.

Recommends 2nd. Lt. J. L. Boatwright for promotion to 1st. Lieut.

SEC. WAR, Oct. 14, 1862.

RECD. BACK Oct. 31, 1862.

CMR

(Form No. 3.--Officers' Pay Account.)

The Confederate States of America.

To A. J. Gonzales, Colonel & Chief of Artillery

On What Account	Commencement	and Expiration.	Terms of service	Pay, per month	Amount.
Pay--	From	To	Months Days	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
For myself,	1st Sept 1862	30th Sept	one	210.00	210.00

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent without leave during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service, and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States, on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from *Major Norman W. Smith* and to the 31st day of August 1862.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major Norman W. Smith Q.M. this 6th day of October 1862, the sum of Two hundred & ten dollars, being the amount, in full, of said account.

Pay	\$210.00	
Forage		(Signed Duplicates)
Amount	\$210.00	

A. J. Gonzales
Col & Chief of Artillery
Dept S.C. & Ga.

AGP; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 173.

Hd. Qts. Chief of Arty.
Oct. 8th 1862.

General G. T. Beauregard
Comdg. Dept. So. Ca. & Geo.

General:

I have the honor respectfully to recommend that a rifled 24 pd. now at Clark's battery, an advanced work to the right of Secessionville on the Eastern side of James Island be transferred to McLeod's Battery, at the mouth of Wapoo Creek, with its implements & ammunition.

Very respectfully your obt. sevt.

A. J. Gonzales
Col & Chief of Arty.

Approved
G.T.B.

AGP; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 172-173.

Hd. Qts. Chief of Arty.
Charleston, S.C. Oct. 8th 1862.

General G. T. Beauregard
Comdg. Dept. So. Ca. & Geo.

General:

I respectfully request that service magazines be ordered to be constructed in the redoubts and redans on Eastern Lines, James Island, and that three such on Western Lines, to be designated by Capt. Kanapaux¹³², in charge of said Lines, be rendered safe.

I am, General, very respectfully your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Arty.

Approved Oct. 9th /62
G.T.B. General Commanding

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 173.

Head Quarters, Chief of Artillery
October 8, 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Artillery

Reconnaissance of Stono River from Wappoo Cut to John's Island Ferry.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 452.

Office Commanding Subsistence
Charleston, October 8th 1862

Subsistence Department

¹³². Capt. Charles E. Kanapaux. Commanding officer of Co. D from Nov. 1861 until the end of the war.

H. C. Guerin
Maj. & A.C.G.

Acknowledges receipt of Col. Gonzales' letters in reference to Whiskey at Aiken, S.C.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 29, p. 274.

October 8th, 1862

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, asks that Major J. G. Barnwell be returned to his duty with artillery.

Approved & respectfully forwarded to the War Department.

By Genl. Beauregard, Oct. 8th 1862

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, July-September 1862, Chapter 1, Vol. 50.

Charleston, Oct. 8, 1862.

Asks for the return of Maj. J. G. Barnwell C.S.A. to his Arty. duties.

SEC. WAR, Oct. 14, 1862.

RECD. BACK Oct. 29, 1862.

EGP

Fort Johnson 8th Oct. [1862]

I reached this place my dear Mother precisely at the expiration of my leave of absence, on Sunday morning, and found affairs, in much the same condition as at McPhersonville. The battalion still ununiformed & some officers absent. Major Bing in good spirits at the idea of having his name in print--as one of the defenders of Fort Sumpter [*sic*]. He says however that the position there to be assigned his battalion will be the center tier in the casemates where I believe, there are no cannon & doubtless our rifles will be of more service there than on the barbette. After one warm & disagreeable day the weather has made a delightful change--and the sea breezes are truly ~~delightful~~ pleasant. Tomorrow Gen. Beauregard will review our battalion, and as I suppose he has seen much of the "rag tag" style out West. We may not shock his military nerves.

Living is harder here than at our last camp--but not to be had except at high rates, beef worse & fish can be had, but Frederick¹³³ has not enterprise enough to do more than catch a small sheephead at the wharf twice. Today I visit the city to get my uniform left for alteration and will try & procure some lines & hooks. The uniform is quite becoming I think.

As the cold weather is at hand--a mattress of some sort will be necessary as cots are extremely cold in winter. Something in the shape of a bug, which when empty will be easily transported, and can be readily filled with pine bark or straw, when occasion demands, would answer.

As I don't wish to put you to any unnecessary trouble in the matter, however I will see today if any cloth answering the purpose can be got in the city and send it up to you. I will write more fully & agreeably (I hope) next time. With love to all,

Yr affectionate Son
William

EGP

Fort Johnson, Oct. 13th--62

¹³³ Frederick was William Elliott's slave/servant.

Dear Emmie

I hope my scrawl of the last week has reached home, in it I promised to write again soon & I here fulfill that promise, although I've heard nothing thence. You must all be amused by this equinoctial and the cold which succeeded it this morning. It is now however quite warm again, the wind and rain having ceased; so we've doubts as to the settlement of the weather. We've managed to keep dry tho through it all.

You've seen the account of the Review of the James Island troops by Gen. Beauregard.¹³⁴ It had been ordered for the day previous, and we were treated brutally, having had to march four miles through a pelting rain in our new uniforms--men & officers--only to be told at the end of the journey, that the review had been postponed. We were immediately marched back again, & there again the next day. I kept my coat pretty dry with my oil skin seertout, but pants & shoes suffered much. The wad resembles the Sahara near Beaufort "boggy sand" as its euphoniously called. Our Battalion made a creditable appearance being probably the best clothed in the Confederate service; but there was not a Captain present, & so Bedon, myself & Simmons commanded the three companies with Major Smith in Command of our regt. and the 8th Georgia. I made a narrow escape being senior lieutenant, I found after being some time on the ground our troops might be called on to go through the Battalion skirmish drill (differing from that of the Company) & that I would have to act as Major. Now this was awkward, as I'd never seen the drill in books or out of it. But fortunately, there was not sufficient time for this; and t'was allowed to "slide."

With Beauregard I saw Gen. **Gonzales**, looking handsome and very military. The artillery maneuvers were very fine, especially of Preston's battery. We got back to camp at 3 I think & I found one heel so blistered, I'm obliged to go slip shod. This is owing to the injury to my shoe my mud & water on the first day's march. Frederick is also sick--with fever. It came out on the 9th day from leaving Adams Run. He was exposed to rain in a wagon, while his master was trudging on foot, and had not therefore the benefit of circulation, -- he returned chilled & next day had fever. It has left him twice however, and this morning I am giving him quinine.

James Lowndes seems to have a poor constitution as is constantly taking physic; but is intellectually quite energetic. Seabrook too has been sick, and we've had rather a hard time with so unofficered a battalion. E. Rhett is said to be in a consumption--so Bedon is sole officer of his company--Simmons & Boyle of Co. B. Bing Smith exhibits a strange want of energy--such at least as I was led to expect.

The news from the West of Bragg & others in enough to make Old Bedon croak. With Kentucky almost redeemed the "ox" is being driven to grass out of it. With love your affectionate brother

William

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 29, p. 308.

October 16th, 1862

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, suggests the building of one or two iron-clad Gun boats of but eight or nine feet draught and short enough to turn in the inland waters in the

¹³⁴ General Beauregard reviewed the troops, accompanied by Gonzales and others, on Friday, 11 October.

neighborhood of Charleston.

The recommendation made within for the immediate construction of two light draught Gun (iron clad) Boats, as auxiliaries to the inland defence of Charleston is heartily approved by me and respectfully submitted for the consideration of the War Department.

By Genl. Beauregard, Oct. 18th 1862

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, July-September 1862, Chapter 1, Vol. 50.

Charleston, Oct. 16, 1862.

Suggests building of 1 or 2 Iron Clad gunboats of but 8 or 9 feet draught and short enough to turn in inland waters in the neighborhood of Charleston.

SEC. WAR, Oct. 24, 1862.

RECD. BACK Nov. 12, 1862.

CSW, Roll 54, H-1350.

Executive Chamber
Richmond, Va. Oct 17, 1862.

To the Hon.
Secretary of War

Sir:

The President has been officially notified of the confirmation by the Senate on the 4th inst, of the following nominations: ...

To be Colonels of Artillery

A. J. Gonzales ...

very respectfully, your obt. sevt.
Burton N. Harrison
Private Secretary

AGP; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 174.

Hd. Qrs Chief of Arty
Charleston, S.C. Oct. 17th. 1862.

Brigd. Genl. Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff & A.A.G.

General:

I have the honor respectfully to request that this office be notified as early as practicable by Dept. Hd. Qrs. as well as by District Commanders of any changes in the organization of the Artillery or in the location of Light & Heavy Guns within this Military Dept.

I furthermore beg leave respectfully to request that the Comd. General be pleased to issue such orders regulating the duties of the Artillery and its accountability to its Chief as are considered indispensable to the proper order & system & consequent efficiency of this Department.

On the last of this month returns from all batteries should be sent in to this office, from which to collect its information and on which it is to form its general Report, and as yet no order exists directing and regulating such returns. By a continuation of the usages of the old system, the Chief of Ordnance, *no longer responsible for guns in battery*, receives the returns, encumbering his desk and now he cannot turn to practical account, when the so-called Chief of Artillery gropes in the dark for the business of his office.

As the Department of Artillery now stands, only a few facts are known:

- 1: That it is expected to furnish information without receiving it itself.
- 2: That its head is designated "Chief" without the control of it, and
- 3: That it is considered responsible, without being able itself to exact responsibility.

The good sense of the Comd. General will surely characterize this state of things as it deserves to be.

I am, General, very respectfully your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales

Col & Chief of Artillery Dept. S.C. & Ga.

AGP; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 174.

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Artillery
Charleston, Oct. 18th 1862

General:

I respectfully forward to the General Commanding a list of officers of Artillery under my immediate direction as required by him through you. The assignment C. of these officers is in accordance with his views and expressed wish:

For South Carolina

as Assistants

Capt. Willis Wilkinson (For heavy Artillery)

Capt. W. J. Saunders (For Light Artillery)

For Georgia, ditto

Major J. G. Barnwell (For Light and Heavy Arty)

Capt. H. Laurens Ingraham (Assistant to the former)

Lieutenant Jno. L. Boatwright, C.S.A. still with me has not been assigned to any particular duty for the reason that the General Comd. has expressed a desire to withdraw him from this office.

Of the officers regularly employed in this Bureau, Capt. Willis Wilkinson has but recently reported, Major Barnwell is still under arrest in Georgia and informs me latterly that having been prostrated by Typhoid Fever, he will not be able to report for a month. Capt. Ingraham is under orders to build a rotary iron clad battery, on a plan submitted by him, for the defence of this Harbor, so that so far as Georgia is concerned, I am, at present, without assistance.

Very respectfully Your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Artillery

Brig. Gen. Thomas Jordan

Chief of Staff & A.A.G.

TJP

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Artillery
Charleston Oct. 18th 1862

Major J. J. Pope

Chief of Ordnance

Major:

I have the honor to inform you that the inspection of Ordnance and ordnance stores in Forts or in batteries (Light or Heavy) pertains to the Artillery Dept.

However much I might be gratified to receive valuable information in regard to the District of Georgia, (now that my Assistant for that State is prostrated by illness) if furnished by an Arty. officer acting under instructions from his chief.

I beg respectfully to object to its being sought by an entirely separate and distinct Bureau.

You will the more appreciate the correctness of this position, that in a communication of yours of August 22d 1862 you characterize as “interference” on my part the simple act of transmitting to you, by order, an order of our then Comdg. General.

I am very respectfully your obt. Servt.

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Artillery

TJP

Head Quarters Chief of Ordnance

Department of So. Ca. & Ga.

Charleston October 18th 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from you of this date. In it I find the following passage, to wit “However much I might be gratified to receive valuable information in regard to the District of Georgia (now that my Assistant for that State is prostrated by illness) if furnished by an Artillery officer acting under instructions from his Chief. I beg respectfully to object to its being sought by an entirely separate and distinct Bureau.”

As this communication has been addressed to me, the inference would seem to be that the above has some reference to some action of mine to you.

I am not aware that I have “furnished” to you any “information” “valuable” or otherwise “in regard to the District of Georgia” or any other district. Your communication therefore is not understood, and leaves me under the embarrassment of having been supposed to furnish you “valuable information” when I am not conscious of having furnished you any information at all.

I have the honor to remain yr. obt. Servt.

J. J. Pope

Major & Chief of Ordnance

The Union Army attacked Pocotaligo, S.C., on 22 October.

EGP

Hd. Qrs. 2nd. Batt. S.C.S.S.

Fort Johnson Oct 24th [1862]

My Dear Father

We have been in much perplexity of late respecting our battalion. An order coming I think from Gen. Gist, giving the right to all persons detailed for this service without their consent, to return to their former commands, has had the effect of giving the “*coup de grace*” to this organization. Our men had been shod and uniformed better than any regmt. in the confederate service, and had begun to (we think) to be satisfied with their condition; & had probably on review excited the envy of certain demagogues, when down came this order which has not only deprived us of many of our best men, but excited a spirit of discontent in those remaining, who having

volunteered at first, have no right to go -- and caused so many desertions that our commands are now little larger than Corporals Guards. It has been popularly believed that this battalion was a bit gotten up by Gen. Pemberton for the purpose of giving offices to young men of position. Whereas, the order came from Adj. Gen. Cooper in Richmond with a sole view to the good of the service & commanders are ordered to detail their *best* men. The wretched set furnished us was sufficiently disheartening to us at first but their improvement in discipline and the arrival of a few better men began to reconcile the officers to their appointments. The only thing wanting was that our men were not good shots & in no sense sharpshooters. So even then we occupied a *false* position. The other day's developments brought the "situation" home to us, and after a consultation, a letter was sent by Bing Smith to Gen. Beauregard stating the facts and offering the resignation of the officers, if such a course would benefit the service. viz i.e. We could not consent to draw pay as officers of nominal companies.

Beauregard's Adjutant Gen. to whom Lowndes took the letter, advised against this course & said the battalion would be filled up by conscripts. It is so easy for Princes and men in office to promise and forget, I have no faith in the plan being carried out, and if something is not done in ten days time I for one cannot forfeit self respect by remaining and begin to regret that my resignation was not offered sooner.

We have been quite un[...] & have been the subject of the most false & ridiculous stories having a tendency to prejudice the community against our organization.

I have written you the above state so that you may not be surprised soon to hear of my resignation. Now do not suppose that I am influenced by the envy or ridicule or falsehoods of people. If we had men to fight with, we could laugh at all sport; but you must allow that after what was proposed and ordered, the programme has not been justified by the performance and the high comedy has dwindled to the proportions of a miserable farce.

We cannot decently then hold our commissions, unless some thing is immediately done. We have lost much time in drilling men who have left us, and have it to do over again. The enemy is upon us, and we had better be fighting in the ranks than holding offices with no commands.

Yr. affectionate Son
William

EGP

Beaumont Sunday 26th [October 1862]

I was made to feel quite conceited dearest Emmie at receiving two letters from Oak Lawn last week, and with difficulty refrained from giving You an extra in return-- which would have been unkind in our dearth of news of all kinds. Sunday having arrived I will have my chat with You instead of Mamma whose wish or preference for remaining with the military is to one perfectly natural. You must all I think feel more secure at Adams Run while those wretched Yankees are making attempts on the Railroad. We are of course very anxious to hear more of last Wednesday's affair at Pocotaligo (I am so glad Willie was not in time for that danger) Our papers will reach us to night. Mr Henry Stuart has already sent to the mail, so impatient to have some particulars. You will have had a peep at Willie I suppose. I charged him to ask Anne for some more quinine pills. My supply having given out. I urged his continuing till the country was safe. We have had a plenty of ice, and have adopted winter clothing and customs-- to day it rains steadily and if we have a similar spell of weather in Virginia I fear our Troops will have to continue inactive, and the Yankees will be spared to overwhelm us on the coast. How discouraging Bragg's retreat has been. A letter from Mr. Urquhart

(one of his aids) to his wife spoke most discouragingly of their condition. "Kentucky had not come out as they had expected." "The Troops were in bad condition, no clothing no water" and our army in full retreat to Chattanooga"-- We see nothing in the papers to cheer us nowadays--and unless something turns up we shall soon have to realize the horrors of war at home I fear.

Poor little Emma has been sick for a week with a severe attack of asthma, after her long exemption, it is quite a disappointment, that it should recur. She is up in the day, and suffers at night, but as She slept last night I hope this attack is over. We had the pleasure of receiving three men from Charleston with dropsy last week, two better and one quite ill. Yesterday Mr J. found one of Grace's children with diphtheria and really remedies are so scarce just now-- it is no trifling infliction to have such patients. We are still uncertain of the provision supply for the winter, and Uncle Pinckney who left this on horseback a week ago writes that we "can get some corn about 40 miles below Greenville by R.R. and wagon" and endless job. Uncle P. has bought a place at Cokesbury for \$9,000-- worn lands and dilapidated dwellings he says-- but he will remove his negroes forthwith from Santee Mr Johnstone & Mr Lowndes leave in company on Tuesday to see what they can do with their negroes in Charleston and at Santee -- it seems impossible to get food shelter and lands to cultivate provisions. Of course I feel rather blue at Mr J's having to leave, tho' he has no intention of deserting us for any time. Our wise Gardener Cartwright informed us a few days ago that he was going to leave-- he could not stand the negroes-- their dancing and fighting at nights was too much for him. We are not sorry but for their own sakes--and are so glad we did not dismiss them in these hard times. I wish they would vacate now instead of in a month that we might have their house for the negroes.

Mrs Girardeau and her babies left on Saturday (after being disappointed on Thursday) for Laurens where Mrs Legare is we hear. he (Mr G) applied for a place in Stee's Company-- which he failed to get-- much to Johnnie's comfort. Stee having joined the Church-- he thought such contact might be prejudicial. Johnnie spent a few days with us very pleasantly-- leaving on Friday for "his baby" The Pinckneys are well and rejoicing over Charlie-- he will take Carrie to Pendleton to visit Hesse next week. I enclose for Your amusement one of Mr Malet's hieroglyphics-- his birthday occurred while here. One year older than Mr J. I have taken cold in one eye, and I must stop writing before I am inclined, as it is painful. do write me again very soon, and with abundance of love to all

Your affecte Sister [Mary Barnwell Elliott]

EGP

Camden Oct 28 1862

My Dear Cousin

I have just received your letter by the evening mail and as Burgh has been with us for a week and is about to return and pass up on the C & S railroad, send you the earliest and most certain answer. We can with perfect convenience [*sic*] accommodate your Trunks and have your Box of Plate deposited in the Camden Bank. if you would like to come up here I will see if I can procure a house for you; should you be compelled to leave before having secured any place of safety we will be able to give you three comfortable chambers and some of you may be able to get rooms at the Hotel. Yourself and Grandchildren with one of your daughters may come to us.

Sister says she was just about to write to ask if you would not like us to look out for a house for you. E has been very much indisposed or would have written to Emmie.

Your Affate Cousin

Anne B Burnet

EGP

Fort Johnson Oct. 31st [1862]

My Dear Father

Frederick arrived in due time, bringing your reply to my communication, in wh[...] I can't help thinking you have prejudged my case--from not knowing the real condition of things.

You say that the officers from whom our men were taken have equal reason to resign with [...]. There I can't agree with you. The cases are not parallel, Because, Their men were detailed for this battalion from *overfull companies*; besides which instead of their best they sent their meanest men that they were probably glad to get rid of. Here then stands our battalion composed chiefly of the meanest men from other companies, reduced nearly one half by this order from Hd Qrs allowing those sent against their will to return to their old organizations and add to this numerous desertions, on account of the unsettled and demoralized condition of things with a belief pervading all that the Battalion is a humbug and failure and can you suppose that a ~~skeleton Company~~ an officer can hope to make *his mark*, with such a set, numbering only between one and two dozen. My Company has but -18 men for duty. The whole battalion yesterday turned out -50 men for review--not a respectable Company in all. From my Company alone there are 13 real deserters, besides which there are several absent-without-leave and others sick in Camp and in hospital. Our Orderly Sergeant and 1st Corporal are both to leave. The remainder are for the most part in spiritless set. Talk of making your mark with such materiel, men who desert and before deserting steal their friends watches and borrow all the money they can. It all sounds very well to be called a commissioned officer & but what then, without men, is glory to be won? Now I confess for one to care very little for military glory, and provided I succeed in doing my duty without reproach will be satisfied. A sense of duty alone has placed me in the army, which I am not adapted to. I think after the statement made you would neither be "surprised" nor "mortified" to hear of my resignation. But I must say that I am not at all anxious to do this, on other than honorable grounds. No officer wishes to go into action with only a dozen men in whom he has no confidence. If men behaving well reflect credit on their officers so on the other hand when they behave disgracefully--the onus of discredit falls likewise on their officers. We do not like to be placed in a position where the prospect of glory is not visible -- the probability of disgrace strong.

Should I resign--although not ungrateful to Ralph for his self denial in my behalf--I could only believe him rewarded by an escape from the predicament I now find myself in. The truth is the whole affair was gotten up unjustly and arbitrarily. Pursuant to the order from the Secy. of War-- men we sent off to our camp whether with or without their consent. The Order was unconstitutional. We are not to blame for that, but have now to suffer the consequences. I do not know what steps have been taken to fill us up. We are told nothing, but if after what

[The rest of this letter from William Elliott, Jr. to his father is missing]

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 29, p. 370.

Charleston, October 31st 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, requests that Major C. K. Huger may be assigned to duty as his assistant.

As soon as this officer can be spared by Genl. Ripley, he will be directed to report to Col. Gonzales. Respectfully,

Chief of Staff, Nov. 6th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 178.

Charleston, November 4, 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Artillery

Recommends that certain guns be organized into a Siege Train.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, p. 222, and **TJP**.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 6, 1862

Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley
Commanding 1st Military Dist.
Charleston, S.C.

General:

As soon as you can dispense with the services of Mayor Huger without detriment to the services of your command, I am instructed to say, that you will direct him to report to Col. Gonzales as an assistant.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 29, p. 377.

Nov. 7th 1862

To Major J. J. Pope

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, requests that a requisition be made in the Augusta Arsenal for a quantity of "Rodman Powder" to be used with rifled guns &c.

Respectfully referred to Major Pope, who will take proper measures to secure a proper supply of the Rodman or Marble powder.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 7th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 425.

Head Quarters, 1st Military District
Nov. 8th 1862

R. S. Ripley
Brig. Genl. Commanding

Relates to guard called for by Colonel Gonzales. recommends that a guard be placed over the gun just placed in position in the battery just constructed near New Bridge.

Approved & respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley, Commander of District.

By Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 12th 1862

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, November 1862-March 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 51.

Charleston, Nov. 8, 1862.

Recommends that a guard be placed over the guns in New Battery near New Bridge.

GEN. BEAUREGARD, Nov. 20, 1862.

COL. WADDY, A.A.G., Dec. 6, 1862.

PGB, Reel 6, Frame 58, **OR**, Series I, Vol. 14, 673, and **ORN**, Series I, Vol. 13, 815-816.

War Department, C.S.A.

Richmond, Va., November 10, 1862.

General G. T. Beauregard

Commanding, &c.

GENERAL: The letter of Colonel Gonzales, with your endorsement recommending the immediate construction of two light-draught iron clad gunboats at Charleston, was submitted to the Chief of the Engineer Bureau, who reported that such vessels would be of great value in the defense of that city if constructed in time; but that they could not be paid for from the Engineer appropriation, and recommended a reference to the Secretary of the Navy. This was done, and Mr. Mallory replies that "the Navy Department is now constructing all the boats at Charleston that it can find mechanics and materials for. If there are parties in Charleston able and willing to build iron-clad war vessels, this Department will employ them at once."

Your obedient servant,

GEO. W. RANDOLPH,
Secretary of War

Note -- The ironclads of the Navy Dept. were of little account whereas the torpedo Rams was greatly superior in every respect.

G.T.B.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, p. 240-241.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 12th. 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel & Chief of Artillery

Colonel:

I have, in writing, to inform you, that all written communications concerning your immediate duties as Chief of Artillery should come up for the consideration of the Commanding General through the office of the Chief of Staff-- this to include your remarks endorsed on communications referred to you of the character of your observations, of the 11th instant, on the letter of Major Pope, of the 7th instant. This is a general rule to which your attention is respectfully called.

Please inform me of what General Orders your files are deficient since General Beauregard assumed command of the Department.

Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 177.

Charleston, November 12, 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery

Reports numbers of General Orders received at his office.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 178.

Charleston, November 13, 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel & Chief of Artillery

General Mercer has not answered his telegram relative to elevation screws.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 177.

Head Quarters, Chief of Artillery
November 13, 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Artillery

Requests diagrams of Forts and Batteries in Georgia & South Carolina.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 178.

Charleston, November 13, 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery

Encloses synopsis of Insp. Report of Capt. Allston Battery.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 178-179.

Charleston, November 13, 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery

Synopsis of a report of Inspection by Capt. W. J. Saunders, Assistant to Chief, with notes.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, p. 243.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 13th. 1862

D. B. Harris

Major & Chief Engineer

Dept. of S.C., Ga. & Fla.

Charleston, S.C.

Major:

It is the wish of the Commanding General, that you should furnish Col. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, with outline diagrams of the several lines of works in this State, with a statement showing the location of the guns as well as their descriptions and calibers. These drawing to be made without interruption of more pressing labors.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 244, and **TJP**.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 13th. 1862

Brig. Genl. H. W. Mercer

Comdg. District of Georgia

Savannah, Georgia

General,

The Commanding General desires your Chief Engineer to furnish (to be sent by some twenty person) to the Chief of Artillery, Col. Gonzales, outline diagrams of the lines around Savannah, and the Forts and Batteries on the River, with a statement of the location of the guns and

their several calibers and description. These drawings to be made with the least interruption of the other labors in the Chief Engineer's office.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 11.

Nov. 13th 1862

To Major J. J. Pope

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, applies to have a rifled 32-pounder (not banded) tested at Fort Johnson.

Approved. By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 13th 1862.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 19.

Nov. 13th 1862

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, applies for Board to report on crank & lever attached on a Columbiad carriage at Fort Sumter.

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley who will appoint a Board to examine & report upon the matter referred to within.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 14th 1862.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 19-20.

Nov. 13th 1862

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, synopsis of Inspection of Capt. Allston's Battery of Artillery.

Respectfully referred to the Commanding General, 1st Military District, who will have the battery inspected by a competent artillery officer & have the necessary orders given to correct the condition of the company in question.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 14th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 22.

Nov. 13th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, encloses synopsis of report of inspection of Capt. Allston's Battery.

Respectfully returned to the Chief of Artillery for correction. He is not called upon by his duties to pass censure in the conduct of District Commanders neither is he held responsible by the General Commanding for the condition of Batteries not immediately under the command of the Chief of Artillery. The tone & temper shown in this communication are not those of an official paper intended for the files of this office.

By Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 14th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 196.

Charleston, November 16th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel & Chief of Artillery & Ord.

Report of Inspection of Western Half of James Island.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, p. 252, and **TJP**.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 17th 1862

Major John G. Barnwell
Savannah, Ga.

Major,

I am instructed by the Commanding General to direct you to report for service, if ready to enter on duty, to Col. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery at these Head Quarters, by letter.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 3; and Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 182.

Charleston, Nov. 17, 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales, On disposition of Capt. [Lt. Thomas Davis] Waties Battery & Sea Coast Howitzer from Fort Moultrie.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 179.

Charleston, November 17, 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Colonel & Chief of Artillery
On the armament at Fort Johnson.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 40.

Nov. 17th 1862

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, in reference to ammunition not wanted at Fort Johnson.

Respectfully referred to Genl. Ripley for his information.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 18th 1862.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 43.

Nov. 17th 1862

To Major D. B. Harris

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, on the armament at Fort Johnson.

Endorsed favorably by Genl. Beauregard.

Respectfully referred for the files of the Chief Engineer.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Nov. 19th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 180.

Charleston, November 17, 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Colonel & Chief of Artillery

In relation to the construction of submarine bombs in batteries. Reports progress. Recommends Lt. Green of Aikens Partizans as a valuable assistant to Capt. Gray in construction of submerged rafts.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 181.

Charleston, November 21, 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Colonel & Chief of Artillery
Requests detail of Pvt. L. L. Cohen.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 181.

Charleston, November 21, 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Colonel & Chief of Artillery
Recommends a system of Mountain Howitzer batteries in pack mules in connection with
outpost duty &c.

RG 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 269.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 21st 1862

Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley
Comdg. 1st Mil. Dist.
General,

The Commanding General wishes you, in conjunction with the Chief of Artillery, to inspect Fort Pemberton with a view to determining what changes in the position of its armament, if any, would be advantageous. Be pleased, also, to inspect and report upon the condition of the obstruction of the Stono River.

Respectfully, Your obedient servant
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

Copy for Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, Dept. S.C. & Ga.

RG 109, Compiled Service Records of Confederate Generals & Staff Officers & Nonregimental Enlisted Men, Roll 81, John Dunovant.

Charleston, S.C.
23 Nov. 1862

To His Excellency
President Davis

The undersigned, composing the late Court of Inquiry organized for the trial of Col. John Dunovant P.A.C.S. on the charge of drunkenness upon duty, would respectfully petition your Excellency to reconsider the sentence of dismissal announced upon the said Col. Dunovant in recent orders, upon the following grounds, to wit,

1. Upon an examination of the testimony taken before the Court and of its findings as set forth at large in the proceedings, it will be seen that while compelled to find the accused guilty of the charge, the Court did not find him guilty of Drunkenness to the extent set forth in the specifications to wit to an extent utterly disqualifying him for the discharge of his duty & leading to disgraceful exposure of himself before his command.

2. Your Petitioners feel convinced that an extension of clemency in this case will not mitigate against discipline in this army--and that Col. Dunovant if restored to the service will not again subject himself to a like charge.

3. Your Petitioners beg leave respectfully to renew the statements made in the recommendation forwarded by them as a Court that the accused be as lightly dealt with as might be

deemed consistent with the good of the service. Col. Dunovant's high personal character, his general efficiency as an officer, and his services in Mexico, on the frontier and in this war appeal strongly in his behalf.

It is therefore earnestly hoped that Your Excellency may not deem it inconsistent with the responsibilities of your position to relieve Col. Dunovant from the crushing sentence of Dismissal and to impose such other and lighter penalty as may be deemed proper.

Respectfully submitted
Johnson Hagood
Brig. Genl. P.A.C.S.
A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Arty.
Dept. S.C., Ga. & Fla.
James M. Cullough
Colonel Comdg. 16th Reg. S.C.V.

The order dismissing Col. D. was made by the President. See his endorsement of Nov. 7, 1862, & was published in General Orders No. 83 on the following day. (herewith)

The appeal now made to the Executive Clemency is placed on strong grounds. The past services of Col. D., his capacity for usefulness, & assurances of better conduct, coming as it does from such respectable sources it is entitled to regard, & if favorably considered might have a beneficial effect on the service. Whether such could be the effect on the service, or it could be desirable to interfere with the decision since its publication to the army may be questioned.

Respectfully submitted to the President.

Cooper
A. & Ins. Genl.
Nov. 9 /62

Referred to the Secretary of War for consideration and advice.

Jefferson Davis

War Department
Feb. 3d 1863

This subject having been presented to the Secretary in several shapes and he having endorsed on one of the numerous applications recently made that "the case has been decided" these papers are returned to the files of the AIG office until called for.

R. G. H. Kean
Chief of Bureau of War

RG 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 293.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Dec. 1st, 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Artillery &c.
Charleston, S.C.
Colonel,

I do not believe by Maj. Child's letter of the 29th ult. that he understands the carriages for those 12 pounder guns are ordered. If there be any doubt on the subject, you had better

acknowledge his letter, & tell him to have them made. Inform him, also, that the “Prioleau guns” will be sent to him at once.

Respectfully
Your obedient servant
[No signature]

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 181.

Charleston, Dec. 4th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel & Chief of Artillery

Sends for use of Fort Sumter, copies of tables received from Richmond.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 165.

Dec. 4th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty, applies for the four 8-inch siege howitzers in battery at New Bridge on this side of the Ashley.

Respectfully returned, the guns within mentioned belong to the State of South Carolina. Application should be made to the State authorities.

By order Brig. Genl. Ripley

Respectfully referred to the Genl. Comdg. by whose direction the application was made. There is a large number of guns in this Command belonging to the State of South Carolina which could not be used in its defences without applying to State Authorities, if the within cannot.

A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief of Arty.

It is the opinion of the Commanding General that the guns in question may be employed within the limits of the State of South Carolina without further reference to or consent of the authorities of the State.

Respectfully, Chief of Staff, Dec. 12th 1862.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 138.

Dec. 8th 1862

To Major F. L. Childs¹³⁵

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, report of number of guns disposable for exchange for certain heavy guns now on the way from Richmond.

Respectfully referred to Major F. L. Childs, Commanding C. S. Arsenal, for his information.

By Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 8th 1862.

RG 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 316-317.

Head Quarters, Dept. of S. Ca. & Georgia
Charleston, S.C., Dec. 8th, 1862

Major F. L. Childs

Commanding C.S. Arsenal

Charleston, S.C.

Major,

The General Commanding requests that you will receive and keep in Depot at the

¹³⁵ Major Frederick L. Childs had been arrested on 26 November 1862.

Arsenal under your command, as the only available and safe place in the City, (subject to the orders of the Chief of Artillery and Ordnance), such ordnance and ordnance stores as have been or may be furnished to them from Richmond on their personal requisitions.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Thomas Jordan
Chief of Staff

Copy for information of Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 141.

Dec. 8th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Major D. B. Harris reports platform & battery for 10-inch Columbiad at Fort Johnson ready.

Respectfully referred for the information of Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance & Artillery, with directions that the Columbiad now at Fort Johnson be mounted at once.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 9th 1862.

R.G. 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 43, p. 178 and The Charleston *Courier*, 9 December 1862, 2.

Head Quarters, Dept. S.C. & Ga.
Charleston, S.C. Dec. 8, 1862

General Orders No. 118

I. AT HIS OWN REQUEST, MAJOR J. J. POPE, P.A.C.S., is relieved from duty as CHIEF OF ORDNANCE of this Department, and will report in person to Brigadier General MERCER, for service in the District of Georgia.

II. Until otherwise ordered, the duties of chief of ordnance, will be performed by Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty.

III. From this date all Orders from these Headquarters, published in the two Charleston newspapers, (the *Mercury* and *Courier*.) and the two Savannah newspapers, (the *News* and *Republican*.) will be obeyed and respected as official.

By command of Genl. Beauregard

Thomas Jordan,
Chief of Staff

Official: JOHN M. OTEY, A. A. General

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 140.

Dec. 9th 1862

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, recommends Capt. Buist to the command of the Siege Train of Georgia.

Respectfully forwarded with the recommendation that Capt. Buist may be promoted to a Majority in the Provisional Corps of Artillery to enable me to place him in command of a moveable train of siege guns at Savannah.

By Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 9th 1862.

Returned & filed.

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, November 1862-March 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 51.

Charleston, Dec. 9, 1862.

Recommends George L. Buist as commander of the siege train of Ga.

SECRETARY OF WAR, Dec. 16, 1862.

RETD. May 23, 1863.

GEN. BEAUREGARD, May 25, 1863.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 155.

Dec. 10th 1862

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, requests that two couriers be ordered to report to him for duty.

Commanding General of 1st Military District will make the detail.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 11th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 182; and Chapt. 2, Vol. 19, p. 11.

Charleston, Dec. 12th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery & Ord.

Represents the danger of complying by mail with Par. 7, Special Orders No. 48, A.&I.G.O.

RG 109, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 11.

Charleston, Dec. 12, 1862

A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, States that the ammunition and implements belonging to the 8-inch Howitzer are at the Citadel.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 186-187.

Dec. 12th 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty, states that the ammunition & implements belonging to the 8-inch howitzers of the Horry Battery are at the Citadel.

Respectfully submitted to the General Commanding. By the within communication from Major White in charge of Citadel Academy & State Depot, it would appear that the 8-inch siege howitzers for which application has been made to the State of South Carolina have already been issued to Confederate authorities, the latter having been in possession of the same with a confederate guard, (as stated) over them. The exigencies of the service urgently require that the guns be given to the Horry Artillery in order to carry out the organization prescribed for the siege train. I respectfully recommend that the assignment of these guns be ordered in conformity with the above.

A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief of Arty.

RG 109, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 12.

Charleston, Dec. 13, 1862

A. J. Gonzales, Colonel & Chief of Artillery, Says the 32-pounder rifled gun at White Point has been ordered to be mounted.

CMR

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Art. & Ord.
Charleston, S.C. Dec. 13th 1862.

Capt. A. N. Toutant Beauregard

A. D. C.

Captain:

In answer to your communication of this date, I have the honor to state for the information of the Genl. Comdg. that the 32 pd. Rifle Gun reported at this office *last evening*, as being at White Point, has already been ordered to be mounted.

I am Captain very respectfully your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales
Col. Chief of Art. & Ord.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, 182.

Charleston, Dec. 13th 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requests that Capt. Smith of the Artillery may be ordered to report to him.

See Special Order 252.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 188.

Dec. 13th 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales, says the 32-pounder rifled gun at White Point has been ordered to be mounted.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 188, 197.

Dec. 14th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Lt. Col. O. M. Dantzler reports that the Regiment has been supplied with new arms, about three weeks since, up to the present time ammunition for them has not been supplied.

Respectfully forwarded, William Butler, Colonel Commanding.

Respectfully forwarded to Department Head Quarters. The ammunition has been required by Capt. Wilkinson, Ord. officer, 1st Military District, some weeks since as stated in his note forwarded yesterday to Department Head Quarters.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

Respectfully referred to the Special attention of the Chief of Ordnance, who will also please ascertain & report cause of delay.

Chief of Staff, Dec. 16th 1862

Respectfully returned, there is no record at this office of this requisition, all the Enfield cartridges on hand up to this date, in this State, have been turned over to Capt. W. Wilkinson, Ordnance Officer, 1st Military District.

A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief of Ordnance, Dec. 17th 1862

Col. Gonzales appears to misapprehend object of reference of within papers, in as much as he furnishes "*report of cause of delay*," in filling a requisition which he is officially informed was made three weeks since. Respectfully returned for the examination into the matter & report.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 18th 1862, Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 334.

Hdqrs. Dept. of S.C., Ga., and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., December 15th 1862

Brig. Genl. J. H. Trapier
Comdg. 4th Mil. District
General,

Your letter of the 13th inst. addressed to Col. Gonzales, has been referred to me by him, and I have endorsed it as follows: "The application for two 8-inch Columbiads for the work at Mayrant's is approved, but they cannot now be obtained. Against Naval attacks, I much prefer detached batteries of two or three guns, well protected by traverses, so as to form a separate chamber for each gun, and the batteries being about one or two hundred yards apart, according to the nature of the locality."

"I approved, on the 5th inst., the application of the 2nd inst. from Genl. Trapier for two light pieces, to be put in position at Frazer's Point opposite Mayrant's Bluff, one 12 pounder smooth bore and one rifled gun (Blakeley's) both on siege carriages have been ordered to be sent from here to Genl. T, for the object indicated."

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
G. T. Beauregard, Genl. Comdg.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 19, p. 13.

Charleston, Dec. 15, 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Requesting that all men detailed for the Sharp's S. be returned to their command.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 183.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 16th 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Applies for Mr. G. W. Nott¹³⁶ of Louisiana to act as clerk in Capt. Smith's office.
See Endorsements Book p. 189.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 189.

Dec. 16th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery and Ordnance, applies for Mr. G. W. Nott of Louisiana, to act as clerk in Capt. Smith's office.

Respectfully referred to Col. Gonzales to know if Mr. Knott is a citizen & if so, whether liable to military duty.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 17th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 189.

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Brig. Genl. Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, ordering 12-pounder smooth-bore gun & Prioleau guns to be sent to Georgetown.

Respectfully returned to the General Commanding with the statement that the within guns were ordered on the 10th inst in conformity with original order. Some repairs to the "Prioleau Gun" were needed, at the Arsenal. They should have been forwarded from the Arsenal & thro the Quarter Master Depot a day or two since, if not earlier.

A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty & Ord.

Respectfully returned to Dept. Head Quarters. No order for the transportation of these guns has yet been received at this office.

¹³⁶ In 1850 Nott was discount clerk at the Bank of Louisiana in New Orleans. *New Orleans Directory, 1851*, 144.

H. Lee, Major & Quarter Master.
The attention of Col. Gonzales is respectfully called to endorsement of Major Lee.
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, Dec. 17th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 183.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 16th 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requests that the crank & lever attachment be applied to the Columbiads of Battery Bee and then to Forts Ripley, Johnson & Pinckney.

(See Endorsements Book, page 200)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 200.

Dec. 16th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., requests that the crank & lever attachment be applied to the Columbiads of Battery Bee & then to Forts Ripley, Johnson & Pinckney.

My verbal instructions have already been given on the subject to Genl. Ripley but if it come under the prescribed duties of the Chief of Ordnance, let it be repeated to him.

G. T. Beauregard

The Chief of Ordnance will please confer with General Ripley on the matter & ascertain whether he has taken any steps in the matter & if not will at once take measures to apply the crank & lever arrangement to the guns in question with the least delay practicable.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Chief of Staff, Dec. 19th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 184.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 16th 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ord.

In relation to the distribution of the Rodman Powder received from Augusta. States that requisitions have been filled to the extent of the capacity of the Bureau.

(3 enclosures, see end on paper)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 196.

Charleston, Dec. 16th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

In relation to the distribution of the Rodman Powder received from Augusta, states that requisitions have been filled to the extent of the capacity of the Bureau.

The General Commanding desires the Chief of Ordnance to enquire about powder sent to Genl. Ripley about the 7th inst., Chief of Ordnance is wrong in supposing when papers are referred to him, that it is done to censure him.

Respectfully referred for the information of Col. Gonzales, who will take a copy of the Commanding General remarks & return the paper & the enclosures to this office for file.

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, Dec. 18th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 183.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 17th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Is informed by Maj. Childs that the Rodman Powder has not been received.

Two inclosures.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 184.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 17th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relative to certain guns at Church Flats not yet removed as ordered from Dept. Head Quarters.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 579.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 18th 1862

Ordnance Department

F. L. Childs

Major Commanding

Stating what has become of a 12-pounder gun and a prisleau gun & why they have not been turned over to the Quarter Master.

(3 enclosures. See Endorsements Col. Gonzales on paper)

CSW, Roll 99, K-5; and **OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, 726-727.

Hdqrs. Dept. of S.C., Ga., and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., December 19, 1862

General Orders

No. 127

I. The personal and general staff of the commander of the department are announced as follows:

General Staff-- ... Col. A. J. Gonzales, chief of artillery and ordnance...

By command of General Beauregard:

Thomas Jordan

Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General

CSW, Roll 85, C-362.

Head Quarters, Chief of Arty. & Ord.
Charleston, December 19, 1862

Capt. L. Jaquelin Smith

Assistant Chief of Ordnance

Captain,

You will proceed to the Charleston Arsenal and inquire from Maj. Childs, Commanding, or any of his authorized assistants whether the Rodman Powder sent from Augusta by Lt. Col. Rains has been received by him, & if also, what quantity and how much of it has been turned over to Brig. Genl. Ripley, Commanding 1st Military District. You will also request from said Arsenal a list of all requisitions sent in through this office or directly to it from troops, marking those that have been filled, and those that have not. Finally, you will ascertain what stores belonging to this Dept. are in Depot at this Arsenal & take a list thereof. Upon all these points you will make one written Report this day.

Respectfully, Your Obdt. Servt.

A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.
Dept. So. Ca., Ga. & Fla.

(Copy)

Ordnance Office
Charleston, Dec. 16th 1862

To Major F. L. Childs
Commanding Arsenal
Major,

I am directed by the Chief of Ordnance to request that you will furnish this office as soon as practicable an Abstract of Ordnance Stores on hand at the Charleston Arsenal.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt. Servt.
F. B. Du Barry, Capt. & Asst. to Chief of Ord.
Charleston Arsenal, S.C.
Dec. 19th 1862

Colonel J. Gorgas
Chief of Ordnance
Richmond, Va.
Colonel,

I have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter presented to me today by Capt. Smith, Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance of this Military Department. He is requested to obtain from this office a copy of all requisitions, as well as I could understand, made on this Arsenal by troops in this Department since the war began. And to note which have been filled and which have not been filled.

On referring to these requisitions I find that they occupy a space of about ten inches of closely packed papers. I began to receive them when there was nothing except fuses & cartridges on hand for issue & a few old implements. As the wants of this Department developed themselves I had the articles made and kept the requisitions, filling them in part or in whole as the articles could be procured, the operations of the Arsenal gradually increasing until from an expenditure of a few thousand dollars per month it has reached (including imported stores) nearly \$200,000 -- for the last quarter. A number of these requisitions have been duplicated. By changes of troops, batteries, organization, armament etc. a number of articles asked for *could not be supplied* were ultimately not wanted. Some things I knew to be superfluous & to furnish them would be to divert labors & material from things necessary. Indeed for good and controlling reasons, which you can readily understand, many things have been "required for" which have not been supplied. But to be required to give satisfactory evidence why a requisition made a year since has not been completely filled would be very difficult to do. To make out such a paper as I am requested to make out, would involve great labors which no one at this Arsenal has the time to give to it without neglecting the regular business of the Post.

I asked Capt. Smith the object of requesting such a paper. He said he believed the Chief of Ordnance [Col. Gonzales] wished to make requisition elsewhere for what I could not supply of the article required for. I said the paper asked for would be to a great extent valueless for such a purpose & a much better way would be to ascertain what the troops needed and get information from me of what I could supply of these wants. He then said that *Genl. Jordan required such a report from his*

office. I then thought I understood the meaning of this modest request. I am to give two or three weeks of valuable time to making out a statement which when presented to a person unacquainted with all the facts might look like "inefficiency" or something worse.

Explaining to Capt. Smith the magnitude of the request I asked him to say to his Chief that I regretted I could not furnish the papers wanted.

To the last question asked by Capt. Smith about the stores in *Depot* I replied "There are no stores here, that I am aware of, specially assigned to the Dept. of S.C., Ga. & Fla., but that all the stores here were subject to reasonable requisition except those imported about which I had special instructions."

In this connection I enclose another letter, received from Capt. Du Barry, Asst. to Col. Gonzales, asking for an abstract of ordnance stores on hand at this Arsenal which I shall courteously decline to give. My answer is also enclosed.

Very respectfully, your obt. srvt.
F. L. Childs, Major Commanding

General Order

The attention of Commanding Generals is called to the following extract from No. 1225 Army Regulation.

Arsenal being under the control of the Ordnance Bureau will not be interfered with by any other branch of the service.

CSW, Roll 85, C-362; and AIG, C-2667-1862.

Confederate States Arsenal
Charleston, 19th December 1862

Col. A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ordnance
Dept. So. Ca., Ga. & Fla.
Charleston, S. Ca.
Colonel

In reply to a communication from your office under date of 16th inst., desiring me to furnish you with an abstract of the Ordnance Stores on hand at this Arsenal, I have the honor to state, that if you will specify the Ordnance Stores that you are in want of, I will inform you whether I have or may be able to procure them, but it is not convenient that I furnish you with such a paper as you ask for.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. L. Childs
Major C.S.A.
Comdg. Arsenal

Head Quarters Chief of Arty. & Ordnance
Charleston, Dec. 20/62

Respectfully forwarded for the information of the General Commanding together with copy of another communication of this date to Major Childs.

A. J. Gonzales
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Received Hd. Qrs. Dept. S. Ca, Ga. & Fla.
Dec. 20

Head Quarters, Dept. S. Ca., Ga. & Fla.
Dec. 21st., 1862

The information sought by Colonel Gonzales, Department Chief of Ordnance was necessary to enable him to know to what extent he could [...] in the Charleston Arsenal for Ordnance Stores. I have therefore to request that Maj. Childs may be directed to give the necessary information.

Respectfully,
G. T. Beauregard
Gen. Cmdg.

Respy. referred to Col. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance. By Command of Secy. of War.

C. H. Lee
Maj. [...]

A&IGO
Jan. 5,/63

Secty. of War
Respectfully Returned.

There is no authority for the call here made on Major Childs.

Major C. however courteously waived his objection, and offered to furnish replies to any specific interrogatory -- he very properly decided making a list of unfilled requisitions extending back thro' several months.

Gorgas
Col.

I have decided Col. Gonzales to make me acquainted with all his wants which cannot be supplied in Charleston & I would give him every assistance in my power.

Gorgas

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Art. & Ord.
Charleston, Dec. 20, 1862

Maj. Frederick L. Childs
Comdg. Arsenal
Major

In compliance with orders from Dept. Headquarters, (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) I have the honor to request that you will furnish me at your earliest possible convenience with the "number of Cartridges for small arms at Charleston Arsenal subject to requisition and at my disposition." You will also oblige me by furnishing me, as soon as practicable a list of Ordnance Stores of all sorts, especially, Cartridges for small arms, and bolts, conical shot and shell for Rifled 24, 32, & 42 Pounder Guns, that remain unsupplied by the Charleston Arsenal on requisitions from my predecessor Major J. J. Pope.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

A. J. Gonzales
Col. Chief of Arty. and Ordnance
So. Ca., Ga. & Fla.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 184.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 20th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requesting the services of an Artillery Officer for the purposes of visiting the different arsenals & their capability of furnishing supplies to this Dept. Also recommending Lt. Col. Clay Taylor for the mission.

(See Endorsements Book, page 214)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 214.

Dec. 20th 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., requesting the services of an artillery officer for the purpose of visiting the different arsenals & their capability of furnishing supplies to this Department. Also recommending Lieutenant Colonel Clay Taylor for the mission.

The Commanding General thinks that the information desired may be ascertained by writing for it. In fact, except as far as relates to the Fayetteville Arsenal, you will find already in the files of the Chief of Ordnance the very information sought as to productive capacities of the arsenals in the Department.

Respectfully, Chief of Staff, Dec. 21st 1862

EGP

Sacred to the Memory of
Phoebe Caroline Elliott
Daughter of William and Ann Hutchinson Elliott
born at Beaufort 5th Jany 1827 --and died at
Oak Lawn St. Paul's Parish 20 Decr 1862
Beauty, Intelligence, and warm Affections,
(Loaned to the Earth, for too brief a span)
Lie buried here in an untimely grave!
Buried but not forgotten.
Long and freshly shall they live embalmed
In the fond memory
of (her) afflicted relatives, and sorrowing friends.
God's Peace rest with her!

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 185.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 22nd 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Asking of the General Commanding the issuing of the orders assigning the mounting of guns to District Commanders through their Ordnance officer.

(See Endorsements Book page 226)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 226.

Dec. 22nd 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., asking of the General Commanding the issuing of the orders assigning the mounting of guns to District Commander thro Ordnance Officer.

The order referred to by the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance is now in the hands of the printer & will be out in a few days.

Respectfully returned by command of General Beauregard, Dec. 23d 1862, J.M.O.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 184.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 23rd 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requesting that the Batteries of Siege Trains retain their full compliment of (4) officers & referring to General Order 81 A.&I.G.O.

(See Endorsements Book, page 226)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 226.

Dec. 23rd 1862

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., requesting that the batteries of siege trains retain their full compliment of (4) officers & referring to General Order No. 81, A.&I.G.O.

Approved & respectfully forwarded by Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 23rd 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 186.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 23rd 1862

A. J. Gonzales
Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Showing the impossibility of complying with paragraph 5, Circular of 20th inst. unless the Commanders of Arsenals furnish to this office a statement with Date of the partial or final compliance on their part with requisitions. Also recommending that the Quarter Master be instructed to transport Ordnance & Ordnance stores, whenever called upon by this office, Dist. Ordnance off. or Arsenals, & to furnish a written report to the office when commenced & when finally accomplished.

(See Endorsements Book, page 251)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 251.

Dec. 23rd 1862

To Major Lee Hutson

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, showing the impossibility of complying with paragraph 5, Circular of 20th inst. unless the Commanders of Arsenals furnish to this office a statement with Date of the partial or final compliance on their part with requisitions. Also recommending that the Quarter Master be instructed to transport Ordnance & Ordnance stores, whenever called upon by this office, Dist. Ordnance off. or Arsenals, & to furnish a written report to the office when commenced & when finally accomplished.

Respectfully referred to the Chief Quarter Master who will please carry out so much of within as refers to the operations of his Dept.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 29th 1862, Chief of Staff

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 371.

Dec. 23rd 1862

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, requesting that the batteries of Siege Trains retain their full compliment of (4) officers & referring to General Orders No. 81, A.&I.G.O.

Respectfully returned to Genl. Beauregard. Authority is granted to retain the organization of these batteries, viz: five officers to four guns. It is proper to say in this connection that General Order No. 81 is *not* intended to be retroactive in its effects, & does not therefore affect the organization of batteries of Light Artillery received by the President under the Act of May 10th 1861 (No. 115).

By order Secretary of War. Ed A. Palfrey, Major & A.A.G.

Respectfully referred to Col. A. J. Gonzales. See endorsement of A.A.G. from the War Department.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 24th 1863, J.M.O.

RG 109, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, November 1862-March 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 51.

Charleston, Dec. 23, 1862.

Asks that the Batteries of Siege trains retain their full complement of Officers.

GEN. BEAUREGARD, Jan. 21, 1863.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 185.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 24th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Reporting the 42 pounder rifled & banded ordered to be sent to Genl. Whiting at Wilmington N.C. ready for immediate transportation this day at the wharf of the N.E. Rail Road.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 185.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 26th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Applying for the services of Mr. G. O. Nott Co. "A" Siege Train, Maj. Alston Commanding. (Special Order 264)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 185.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 27th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommending the surplus 32 & 42 pounder round shot, on hand, to be turned over to the Charleston Arsenal, that they may be cast into rifle projectiles, the latter being very scarce.

(See Endorsements Book, page 242)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 242.

Dec. 27th 1862

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, recommending the surplus 32 & 42 pounder round shot, on hand, to be turned over to the Charleston Arsenal, that they may be cast into rifle projectiles, the latter being very scarce.

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley for examination into the matter.

Chief of Staff, Dec. 27th 1862

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 185.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 27th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Application for a courier for the Central Depot of Ordnance.

(See Endorsements Book, page 242)

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 242.

Dec. 27th 1862

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, application for a courier for the Central Depot of Ordnance.

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley, who will order a courier to report daily as requested within.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Dec. 27th 1862 J.M.O.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 190.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 27th 1862

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommendations in relation to Artillery &c.

RG 109, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 334.

Hdqrs. Dept. of S.C., Ga., and Fla.
Charleston, S.C., December 27, 1862

J. Gorgas

Col. & Chief of Ordnance

Richmond

Colonel:

Your letter of the 23d inst. has been received, the subject matter duly weighed and considered, and I must say, the case referred to does not come within the purview of General Orders No. 24, War Dept. A.&I.G. Office, April 16th 1862, as I command a Department and not an Army Corps, Division or Brigade.

I am unable to concur with your views, as I regard the Chief of Ordnance on my Staff (Col. A. J. Gonzales), as mainly my organ of communication with my forces, in the matter of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores, and cannot see that it is in the least wise essential to the organization or efficient operations of your bureau that I should be delayed in the conduct of affairs intrusted to me until the wishes of your bureau should be obtained touching a matter properly not its concern. I will further avail myself of the occasion, to give as my opinion that if the Ordnance Bureau were to devote itself exclusively to the organization, control & operations of the Arsenals and the fabrication & purchase of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores without attempting any connection with the arrangement of the staff of Genls. Comdg. remote Depts. or Army Corps, ever, it would be for the general good of the service.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant

G. T. Beauregard

Genl. Comdg.

RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 271.

Dec. 30th 1862

To Colonel A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales orders Major Alston to investigate the cause of the abuses to property at Race Course.

To prevent possibility of misapprehension I deem it proper to say main object of reference of Genl. Ripley's letter of Dec. 29th 1862 was to direct efficient measures to be taken to secure the fences in question from further injury.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 2nd 1863, Chief of Staff

The Charleston *Courier*

30 December 1862, 4

Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, December 29.

...Col A. Gonzales...

[This was the only consignment he received for the month of December]

EGP

Beaumont Friday Night [1862]

Your letter of Monday has just been received dearest Mamma and is as anxiously look[*torn*] as Your last [*torn*] Mr J's report had made me [*torn*] I am too sorry to think of your helpless condition with regard to a physician and hope You may succeed in getting Dr Ogier to see Hattie who I fear will be losing strength thro' those attacks of chill & fever. I feel very sorry for You, and am truly thankful that in spite of anxieties You are feeling better. Your report of Papa too is cheering. I hope he is made prudent by Gonzie and is very carefully housed in this changeable weather. *We* have had little good weather for the last fortnight, and today has been shocking. When I last wrote all the chicks were sick. After a week of nursing, I am delighted to say they are all in the parlor again. Poor Elliott who comes in for a share always has had diphtheria, and been shut up for 10 days. Dr King attending. He has had his strength open up however and has [*torn*] appetite for four meals a day with wine. Colds have prevailed extensively. Alice's two children have shared them, and Edith for three nights has been a victim to [...] fortunately. The Servants have been prudent enough to keep well while the family was sick. Dr. King seeing them all better left for Charleston yesterday. He is such a kind attentive physician, how I wish You had such a one near You. I hope Annie and Emmie are much improved as You did not say they had been again sick. I suppose they escaped a return of fever. Aunt Bower has had another attack in Columbia-- it seems hard to stop these abominable fevers. Why does not Emmie try Old Rowand?

Alice is here for a few days longer -- She is hoping that Wm may soon be relieved of his disagreeable position in Tennessee-- as Mr Jervey wrote that he would most probably get a position on Gen Trapier's Staff as Vol Aid. I believe Mr J got **Gonzie** to interest himself. Wm. has been [*torn*] his idleness and extreme discomfort [*torn*] at his improved fortune.

Mr J who was very unwell for a day or two after his return, is again quite well and very busy with garden operations [*sic*] -- Cartright (as might have been expected with the notion of leaving) having left much to do-- he had engaged some Whiskey which when delivered he will share with Papa. I think the price is 8 dollars a gall. You saw I suppose the marriage of Julia Lewis announced them a cent. He has nothing and is 33 years old, and Mrs Cuthbert is thoroughly provoked.

What would become of us without our knitting this rainy day? all (even Edith) have been occupied with our stockings [*torn*] We have [*torn*] got [*torn*] with the family supply and would like to knit for any of Your boys-- big or little if You wish. I really think Papa should wear worsted socks. They would add to his comfort I am sure. Tell Hattie I have lived in her dress since I unpacked it. The

worsted plaid it fits me nicely and is so warm and comfortable. I wish I was near to be able to help her get strong and suggest little things that My experience with the children have taught me to practice. Hoping to hear soon that You are all better and with warmest love and sympathy I am
dearest Mamma Your affete Mary