

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

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

Charleston, S.C., January 1st 1863

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

(Special Order 6) Application for an orderly in lieu of the present one who is applied for as Ord. Sergeant to Siege Train.

(See Endorsements Book, page 268)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 268.

January 1st 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Ord. & Arty., application for an orderly in lieu of the present one who is applied for as Ord. Sergeant to Siege Train.

If the Chief of Arty. & Ord. will name a private of the Siege Train for his Orderly be will be detailed.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 2d 1863, J.M.O.

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**EGP**

Charleston, 1st Jany./63

[To Anne Elliott]  
My Dear Wife

The absence from the city of persons with whom I had to transact business--will detain me here to day--I expect to leave tomorrow--and it is likely that the General [Gonzales] will take the opportunity of visiting his family at Oak Lawn.

I am not the worse for the change of air and scene. If we succeed in our battles now in progress in the West--our horizon will be greatly brighter than heretofore--I shall send this by some passenger to be delivered to Dick at the rail road station.

with love to all the family  
yr affte. husband  
Wm. Elliott

**AIG**, 1864, G-666, Frame 555.  
Telegram

Charleston, January 4, 1863

Col. A. J. Gonzales

Meet Col. Harris tomorrow at Genl. Robertson's Head Quarters to discuss defences of 2d Military District.

G. T. Beauregard

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

Charleston, S.C., January 5th 1863

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

In reference to a communication from A.G. Office relative to his absence from the city.

**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 187.

Charleston, S.C., January 5th 1863

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

Reply to enquiry--by whom Ward's Battery was inspected.  
(See Endorsements Book, page 283)

**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 283.

January 5th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Ord. & Arty., reply to inquiry--by whom Ward's Battery was inspected.

Please get the information from Major Saunders on his return.

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

**CMR**

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

The Confederate States of America.

To C. A. J. Gonzales

On What Account	Commencement and Expiration.		Terms of service		Pay, per month	
Amount.	From	To	Months	Days	Dolls.	Cts.
Pay-- Dolls. Cts. For myself,	Dec.1st	Dec 31st	1	31	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 Deslonde* from the 1st day November 1862 and to the 31st day of November 1862.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major Deslonde this 5th day of January 1863, the sum of Two hundred & ten dollars, being the amount, in full, of said account.

Pay

Forage

Amount

(Signed Duplicates)

A. J. Gonzales

Col & Chief of Arty & Ord

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 187.

Charleston, S.C., January 6th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Application for an orderly from Palmetto Guard Siege Train in lieu of Private Phillips who has been applied for as Ord. Sgt. of Siege Train.

(Special Order No. 6)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 187.

Charleston, S.C., January 6th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommending the transfer of the Macon Light Artillery, now in Richmond, Va., to this State.

(See Endorsements Book, page 290)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 290.

January 6th 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, recommending the transfer of the Macon Light Artillery, now in Richmond, Va., to this State.

Respectfully forwarded. Troops of this character are wanted in the Department.

By Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 6th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 22, p. 389-390.

Hdqrs. Dept. of S.C., Ga., and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., January 6th, 1863

General Samuel Cooper  
A. & I. Genl.  
Richmond, Va.  
General,

Enclosed are two papers just received from the Ordnance Bureau through your office, one of which a requisition approved by me bears an indorsement by Col. Gorgas, the effect of which can only be to cause needless and possibly prejudicial delay in the supply of ordnance stores required in this Department for an emergency of which I have been notified by the Secretary of War as probable, namely an early attack of the Enemy.

It is a very proper Regulation that officers commanding regiments, battalions or posts should in all requisitions state amounts of ammunition on hand and I have required this to be done as far as possible. But it would be impracticable and obstructive to apply such a Regulation to a Requisition like the one in question made to provide a reserve supply for the general service of a Department, a reserve by the way, of scarcely forty rounds of Ammunition for my infantry, and I have to regret to find the Chief of Ordnance (Col. A. J. Gonzales) supporting the present Commandant of the Charleston Arsenal in his peculiar views of the duties of the Ordnance Dept. Col. Gorgas should bear in mind, that it is impossible for a Chief of Ordnance of a Military Department to give the amount on hand without long delays in as much as the ammunition for the most part is distributed, in the hands of company or other subordinate commander.

I am at loss to understand what warrant Col. Gorgas has found for calling the attention of Major Childs "to the large issues to this Department for the month of November" for whatever those issues were, they were short of the wants of the service and at this moment I have been unable despite incessant efforts to secure the amount of ammunition, 100 rounds per man, which should be provided at least.

At muster, for example, on the 31st of December four of the Regiments in this 1st Military District there was found but an average of 65 rounds and the average does not exceed that in other Districts.

When called on recently, to give immediate aid to General Whiting at Wilmington scarcely a regiment was properly provided with ammunition and some delay and not a little annoyance were the consequences before the deficiency could be made up.

I have to call attention also to the delay even in the action of the Ordnance Department in connection with the matter under notice. The requisition as will be seen bears date of Nov. 29th, it was received by Major Childs on the 1st of December but not transmitted to the serntiny of his Superior until 22 days thereafter. Meantime, I was being advised by the War Department that an attack in this coast might be expected & should be prepared for.

I have felt it due to the service to write plainly of a policy of the Ordnance Bureau which is fraught with delay and obstruction and I have to invoke the attention of the War Department to it as a growing evil.

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

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RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 187.

Charleston, S.C., January 8th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Relative to limbers sent to Pocotaligo &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 187.

Charleston, S.C., January 8th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
In relation to a requisition for arms &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 188.

Charleston, S.C., January 8th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Recommends the banding of 24 pounder rifled guns.

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

Charleston, S.C., January 8th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Recommendations, relating to armament on Western Lines, James Island, S.C.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 188.

Charleston, S.C., January 9th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Requests the publication of instructions from Col. Gorgas.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 188.

Charleston, S.C., January 10th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
In reference to the inefficiency of guard at "New Bridge," also with recommendations, providing against its destruction by fire &c.  
(See Endorsements Book, page 309)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 309.

January 10th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley  
Col. A. J. Gonzales, in reference to the inefficiency of guard at "New Bridge," also with recommendations, providing against its destruction by fire &c.  
Respectfully referred for the information & attention of Brig. Genl. Ripley.  
By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 10th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 189.

Charleston, S.C., January 10th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
States who inspected Capt. Ward's Battery.

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OR, Series 1, Vol. 14, 745-47; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 188.

Hdqrs. Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
Charleston, January 10, 1863

Brig. Gen. Thomas Jordan  
Chief of Staff

General:

I have the honor to inclose, at the request of the general commanding, copy of a letter recently addressed by me to Colonel Gorgas and his answer thereto.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel and Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
(Inclosures)

Hdqrs. Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
Charleston, December 29, 1862

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

Colonel:

I beg leave to inclose a requisition for ordnance stores very much needed in this department. They can be furnished, I am informed by my agent in Atlanta, Ga., upon the inclosed being approved by you. Will you have the kindness to telegraph Major Wright to that effect. I avail myself of this opportunity to lay before you the unsatisfactory condition of the supply of ordnance stores for this department. Enfield cartridges I have none; my only immediate prospect is in the requisition I inclose. Colonel Rains has no lead at present to manufacture more than are wanted, and I have even calls from Florida which I cannot meet. For projectiles for large and small rifle guns we are still worse off. All the works in this city can turn out, as reported to me, but thirty-eight per day. In Augusta they cannot make them for the want of flasks and of material; in Macon, Ga., they cannot make them for heavy guns for the want of drawings; thus I am with an average of less than 50 rounds per rifle gun in Forts Sumter and Moultrie (which may be isolated and cut off at any day and obliged to stand a siege), with 12-pounder rifle guns in position on the water, liable to be used at any moment without a single round for them, with a battery of 12-pounder bronze rifled guns, belonging to the siege train, in the same condition, and with another battery of three heavy iron guns (caliber 3.67) without a single round; while for the supply of all the above wants and those arising from contingent engagements on the coast I have but the prospect of thirty-eight projectiles per day, and those only for 32 and 42 pounders. The number of our heavy rifled guns is being increased as fast as we can, and that reduces necessarily our average of rounds per gun. I sent you a telegram more than a week ago asking for some ordnance stores very much needed here. I beg to request your favorable attention to the same. I desire to request of you so to instruct Major F. L. Childs as regards the business of this department that the least possible delay and inconvenience may be had in supplying it from the Charleston Arsenal. This State particularly is dependent upon the

hearty co-operation of this arsenal; without the power to contract, disburse, or manufacture, and capable only of issuing to troops stores turned over by the arsenal, you will readily perceive that this ordnance department is but the reflector of the actions of the arsenal. All requisitions on the Charleston Arsenal now pass through my office, where they are recorded, and all invoices and receipts to the officers making them also pass through my office, where they are noted. This saves much trouble to the arsenal, and, although it increases vastly my labors, insures my perfect cognizance of every step in ordnance. These requisitions to me state what stores are on hand and what to be supplied, but when I make myself a requisition on the Charleston Arsenal for my own depot of ordnance, to be distributed as emergencies may require, I cannot make the same statement, but merely state the fact that they are wanted for said depot. Will you be kind enough to instruct the arsenals therefore that requisitions from myself for my depot require but the expression of the fact stated. They are all signed by "command of General Beauregard," as per order December 20, 1862.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel, Chief of Artillery and Ordnance.  
Ordnance Bureau  
Richmond, January 6, 1863.

Col. A. J. Gonzales  
Chief Arty. and Ord.  
Dept. S.C., Ga., and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C.

Colonel:

Your letter of December 29 is received. The arsenal at Atlanta is so fully occupied in supplying the army in Tennessee that I cannot call upon it to serve your department, but have directed Macon and Columbus, Ga., to send each 50,000 cartridges (caliber .58) to you as soon as possible.

It would be well to consider the question of a supply of rifle projectiles before going too far with the rifling and banding of 32-pounders. The want of proper iron for casting these shells is very serious.

Send me a full statement of all you want and cannot get at Charleston, limiting your requisition to, say, 150 rounds per gun. I will do all in my power to supply you.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
J. Gorgas  
Colonel and Chief of Ordnance

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 310.

January 10th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, extract from letter of Col. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance, Richmond, Va., Jan. 6th 1863.

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley for his information and action in the matter.

By Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 10th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 189.

Charleston, S.C., January 11th 1863

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

Recommending surplus smooth bore projectiles be distributed among rifle batteries.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 326-327.

Pocotaligo, S.C., Jan. 11th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

W. W. Elliott, Ordnance Officer, 3rd Military District, with reference to a requisition for saddles & bridles. I would respectfully call the attention of Department Head Quarters to the within communication.

W. S. Walker,<sup>137</sup> Brig. Genl.

Respectfully referred to the attention of Col. Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance, Jan. 14th 1863.

Chief of Staff.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 327.

Jan. 11th 1863

To Brig. Genl. W. S. Walker

W. W. Elliott, Ordnance Officer, 3rd Military District, with reference to a requisition for saddles and bridles.

A requisition was sent to Major Pope Dec. 3rd from Pocotaligo which includes 200 saddles &c. This was forwarded, as I am informed, to the Arsenal & nothing more has been heard of it nor has any information been given by the Arsenal in relation to requisitions sent to it previous to Dec. 8th or 9th, when I took charge of the Ordnance Office. Requisitions sent in since Dec. 9th have been attended to & can be accounted for, under the new system of this office. If Lt. Elliott will send in another requisition I will be able to furnish for the 3rd Military District from my Central Depot of Ordnance 200 saddles & bridles recently procured from Georgia.

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

Respectfully returned to Genl. Walker.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 14th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 22, p. 403.

Hdqs. Dept. of S.C., Ga., and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., January 12th, 1863

Colonel A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Arty & Ordnance  
Charleston

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<sup>137</sup> William Stephen Walker, born on 13 April 1822, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Fought in the Mexican War as First Lieutenant and was brevetted captain for bravery at the battle of Chapultepec. Nominated in Florida as Confederate Captain of infantry in March 1861. Was later promoted to colonel and acting inspector general of the Department of South Carolina and Georgia. Promoted brigadier general on 30 October 1862, during 1862-63 he was in charge of various districts in South Carolina. On 20 May 1864 lost his foot and was captured in the defense of Petersburg.



Colonel,

It is noticed in your endorsement of a paper relating to Articles required in the 4th Military Dist, you mention it was only received this day. The paper in question was sent to your office yesterday morning & the Commander was informed that the Chief of Ordnance was not present, & would not be, during the remainder of the day.

It is the wish of the Commanding General, that during your absence in business hours, a proper person shall always be at hand to receive official communication.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 189.

Charleston, S.C., January 13th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Relative to Whitworth Gun &c.

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

Charleston, S.C., January 13th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
In reference to a 24 pounder Siege gun near Adams Run Station.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 191.

Charleston, S.C., January 13th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
In vindication of himself &c.

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13 January 1863, 4  
**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, January 12.**  
...Col. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 189.

Charleston, S.C., January 15th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Gives notice of absence to Adjutant General's Office.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 365.

Quincy, Fla., Jan. 15th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales  
Major M. Stanley, Commanding Light Batteries, proposing plan to supply the District with Ordnance & Ordnance Stores.  
Respectfully referred to the General Commanding. with the recommendation that Genl. Cobb be authorized to send in his requisitions direct to the Macon, Columbus & Augusta Arsenalns without passing through this office, provided, that after said requisitions shall have

been received at any one of those arsenals & a statement shall have been made there at of what stores can be supplied to the Middle District of Florida. Major Stanley shall send to this office a triplicate copy of said requisition, containing the aforesaid statement of the arsenals for any information & as the whole requisition is filled, whether immediately or gradually he shall inform me of the fact to be entered in my books. Requisitions for arms must come to Charleston for the approval of the Commanding General & C&C.

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

The above recommendation of the Chief of Artillery and Ordnance is approved.

By Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 23rd 1863

Copy furnished for the information of Chief of Ordnance.

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The Charleston *Courier*

17 January 1863, 4

**Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, January 16.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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

Charleston, S.C., January 19th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Reporting deficiency in Submarine shells, & non-receipt of bolts for same, & requesting the services of Lt. Mellon to enquire after same.

(See Endorsements Book, page 347)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 347.

January 19th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Ord. and Artillery, reporting deficiency in Submarine shells, & non-receipt of bolts for same, & requesting the services of Lt. Mellon to enquire after same.

Lt. Mellon might be sent to make the investigation and to hunt up the missing stores.

Chief of Staff, Jan. 19th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 191.

Charleston, S.C., January 20th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Orders relating to promotions in Company "A" Siege Train.

(See Endorsements Book, page 353)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 353.

January 20th 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., orders relating to promotions in Company "A" Siege Train.

Approved & respectfully forwarded.

By Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 21st 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 191.

Charleston, S.C., January 21st 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
On Defences of the Altamaha.  
(See Endorsements Book, page 356)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 356.

Charleston, S.C., Jan. 21st 1863

To Brig. Genl. H. W. Mercer  
Col. A. J. Gonzales, On defenses of the Altamaha.  
The cameron guns referred to must be banded here in preference & then sent at once to the battery on the Altamaha near the Rail Road bridge of the Albany & Savannah Road. The other suggestions are respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Mercer with the hope that they may be carried at once into effect.  
By Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 21st 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 191.

Charleston, S.C., January 22d 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Requesting copy of Special Order No. 247.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 193.

Charleston, S.C., January 22d 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Soliciting General Order relative to ammunition &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 191.

Charleston, S.C., January 23d 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Relative to removal of guns &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 192.

Charleston, S.C., January 23d 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Transmits Lt. Buckman's Return, for approval of General Commanding & mentions the favorable report of the arms of Co. B Battn. L.S. & Co. "J" 11th S.C.V. made by inspecting officer.  
(See Endorsements Book, page 365)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 365.

Charleston, S.C., Jan. 23rd 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., transmits Lt. Buckman's Return, for approval of General Commanding & mentions the favorable report of the arms of Co. B Battn. L.S. & Co. "J" 11th S.C.V. made by inspecting officer.

Please convey to Lt. Buckman the Commanding General's sense of the neatness of his return which is highly creditable to the Lieutenant & shows both knowledge of & attention to his duties.

Respectfully, Chief of Staff, Jan. 23rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 192.

Charleston, S.C., January 23d 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Enclosing list of rifle guns.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 417.

Savannah, Jan. 23rd 1863

Lt. A. T. Cunningham, Ordnance Department Savannah, replying to letter of 21st inst. from Col. Gonzales, Chief Artillery & Ordnance.

(Filed Ordnance)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 192.

Charleston, S.C., January 27th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommends having Lieut. W. Green, Co. "I" Aikens P.R., detached as Asst. to Capt. Gray & informs of a number of submarine shells at Central Depot.

(Special Order No. 26)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 192.

Charleston, S.C., January 27th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Forwards reports of Inspection of Light Batteries in South Carolina.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 193.

Charleston, S.C., January 27th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Encloses papers for such action as the General Commanding may see fit.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 193.

Charleston, S.C., January 27th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommending the gorge on Morris Island as a suitable locality for the use of shells on land with sensitive tubes & placing 50 of those at the disposal of General Ripley.

(See Endorsements Book, page 387)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 387.

Charleston, S.C., Jan. 27th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., recommending the gorge<sup>138</sup> on Morris Island as a suitable locality for the use of shells on land with sensitive tubes<sup>139</sup> & placing 50 of those at the disposal of General Ripley.

Respectfully referred to Genl. Ripley.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 27th 1863, J.M.O.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 391.

Charleston, S.C., Jan. 27th 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., applies for rank becoming his position & duties.

Respectfully forwarded by Genl. Beauregard, Jan. 28th 1863.

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, January-March 1863, Chapter 1, Vol. 53.

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

Charleston, Jan. 27, 1863.

Applies for rank becoming his position and status.

Sec. War, Feb. 4, 1863. Recd book Feb. 6, 1863

Sec. of War, March 4, 1863. Retd. October 3, 1863.

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The Charleston *Courier*

27 January 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, January 26.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 195.

Charleston, S.C., January 30th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Encloses "Circular" from Chief of Ordnance Bureau at Richmond.

(See Endorsements Book B, page 433)

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<sup>138</sup> A defile, or narrow neck, in front of Battery Wagner.

<sup>139</sup> Triggers on land mines.

Charleston, S.C., Jan. 30th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., encloses "Circular" from Chief of Ordnance Bureau at Richmond.

The views of the Department Commander on the subject in question will be found in paragraph II, General Order No. 20, from these Head Quarters current series. The Commanding General feels assured that the troops need at least the *practice* secured in that order.

Respectfully, Chief of Staff, Feb. 6th 1863

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EGP

Mills House Jany. 31st [1863] 9 P.M.

Mrs. William Elliott

My Dear Mama

On my arrival, I found Papa quite weak & slightly nauseated, but not at all dangerously ill. Uncle Pinckney was with him, he went to Mr. Manigault's & got a bottle of Old Brandy which has relieved the nausea & Papa is now quite comfortable. He cannot travel tomorrow, but we hope to be up on Sunday. Dr. Ogier is in attendance -- he has just left, & has prescribed nothing for tonight. Emmie's attention has been appreciated.

Papa has received a great many attentions from all of his acquaintances, & has been receiving too much Cerupane.

Poor Gonzie is very much worried at not being able to visit Papa, he is flat on his back, & I fear will be there for a week, his boot pinched him he scratched his instep -- the stocking irritated it -- he put sticking plaster on it -- that took off the skin, & Dr. Ogier has ordered him to remain in bed until it heals completely. He desires me give his love to Hattie & all of you. I will see him again tomorrow.

We have captured a Gun Boat in Stono. I am just going to the warf to see the Iron Clads & two Steam Boats go out to attack the fleet off this Bar. It is an awful risk, God grant them victory.

There are twenty people talking in the room. Excuse all mistakes. Ever Yours

Ralph

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EGP

The Southern Telegraph Companies

Received at Adams Run 1863

By telegraph from Charleston Feby 1

To Mrs. William Elliott

My Father is unable to travel today he will be sick for some days, come down and bring a servant.

Ralph E. Elliott

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EGP

Mills House Sunday Morning [Feb. 1, 1863]

Mrs. William Elliott

Oak Lawn

My Dearest Mama

I am very sorry to inform you that our dear Father has not improved since I last wrote you. His stomach is in very irritated condition & he has not been able to retain any nourishment for three days. He is easier just now, & bears his suffering with uncommon fortitude. I telegraphed you this morning to come down & I think you had best still do so, in the carriage, if too late for the cars. I suggest to you to bring Amy-- some Light wood & anything nourishing you may have at hand.

If you request it by telegraph I can send a carriage & horses to meet you at Rantowles. I have to trust this to the conductor & hope you will receive it.

I am Ever Yours

Ralph E. Elliott

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**EGP**

[February 2, 1863]

My dear Sisters

Our dear Father is I am afraid hopelessly ill. he suffers no pain now and is lying very quiet only showing now and then signs of great debility. his Dr's are Ogier, Geddings who are very grace indeed. all that medical skill and kind nursing can do has been and is being done for. Papa was very glad to see Mama and asked after Hattie and her boys (Good bye) he is too weak to talk.

Monday 12 oclock

(R.E.E.)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 194.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 2d. 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relative to Marine glasses for District of Georgia.

(See Endorsements Book, page 419)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 419.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 2nd 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., relative to Marine glasses for District of Georgia.

It is quite probable the Chief of Ordnance & Artillery will find the glasses needed at the arsenal. Respectfully, Chief of Staff, Feb. 4th 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 419.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 2nd 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., application for a Battery of Mountain howitzers for Middle Florida.

Approved & Respectfully forwarded.

By Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 3rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, January-March 1863, Chapter 1, Vol. 53.

Charleston, Feb. 2, 1863.

Application for a Battery of Mountain howitzers.  
Col. Gorgas, Feb. 10, 1863.

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**CMR**

(Form No. 57.--Officers' Pay Account.)

The Confederate States of America.

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

On What Account	Commencement	and Expiration.	Terms of service	Pay, per month		
Amount.	From	To	Months	Days	Dolls.	Cts.
Pay-- Dolls. Cts.						
For myself,	Jany 1st 63	Jany 31st 63	1	31	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 Des Londe* the 1st of December 1862 and to the 31st day of December 1862.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major De Londe this 2nd day of February 1863, 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 Arty & Ord.

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**CMR**

(No. 29.)

Requisition for Fuel for Bureau of Artillery & Ordnance for the month of Feby. 1863.

Station: Charleston, SC

Wood: 2 Cords

I certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just, and that Fuel has not been drawn for any part of the time above charged.

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

Appd By Comd of Genl Beauregard  
Jno Watey  
AAG



Received at Charleston the 3rd of February 1863 of Maj M. A. Pringle Quartermaster C. S. Army, Two cords of Wood, in full of the above Requisition.

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

(Signed in Duplicate)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 436.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 3rd 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Capt. B. C. Webb, Company "A" Siege Train states that District Quarter Master refused to pay him as Captain on order of Colonel Gonzales announcing him as such.

Respectfully forwarded, Charles Alston, Major

Respectfully forwarded to Department Head Quarters, A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ordnance.

Captain Webb is entitled to pay from the time he was announced in orders as Captain of his Company by the promotion of Captain Buist.

By command of General Beauregard, Feb. 6th 1863, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 194.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 4th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Suggesting projectiles &c be equally divided between guns in 1st Military Dist. & 2 ordered to Savannah, Georgia &c.

(See Endorsements Book, page 426)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 426.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 4th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., suggesting projectiles &c be equally divided between guns in 1st Military Dist. & 2 ordered to Savannah, Georgia &c.

Approved and respectfully forwarded to Brig. Genl. Ripley, commanding 1st Military District.

By Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 4th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 195.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 4th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relative to shipment of guns to Pocotaligo & Savannah.

(See Endorsements Book B, page 430)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 430.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 4th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., relative to shipment of guns to Pocotaligo & Savannah.

Approved & respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley.

By Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 5th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 30, p. 434.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 4th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., relative to shipment of guns to Pocotaligo & Savannah, Ga.

Respectfully returned. The rifled 24-pounder shot at Battery Means has been directed to be apportioned & the proper proportion has been sent to Savannah Rail Road Depot. Cartridges can be furnished if required, 24-pounder round shot can be furnished by Capt. Wilkinson if required but it would not be well to take from the batteries whence the guns came as they are to be replaced as soon as possible.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance for his information & action.

By Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 6th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 194.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 5th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relative to Capt. Smith of C.S. Arty.

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**EGP**

Bethel Feby 7th [1863]

My dearest Grandmama

I have thought so much of you for the last week, that it seemed almost as if I had been with you & I write now to assure you -- of what you already know -- how much we grieve with you our dear Grandpapa's death.

It has been such a sudden thing that I cannot yet realize it, or bring my self to think I shall never see him again. It grieves me so much that neither Annie or I saw him before he died. Mama spoke several times this winter of sending us to spend a day with him, how much I wish now that she had insisted on it! But when I left Oak Lawn last spring Grandpapa was in such good health & spirits that the idea of death connected with him has never crossed my mind, indeed it has always seemed to me that he would live to be as old, if not older than Greatie.

I know how lonely & cheerless you must feel to be parted now from one with whom you have been traveling life's journey for nearly fifty years. I know how hard it is for you to bear my dear Grd. Mama, but then he could not have spared *you*, life would have been miserable if you had been taken first, you -- whose every thought was for his comfort & pleasure, so you ought to consider dear Grd. Mama that God has been very merciful to Grd Papa -- he gave him every thing to make life happy & now he has spared him the pain of being parted from you.

It must & should be a comfort to you to think what you have been to him all thru life -- Always the same thoughtful -- & good.

But my dear Grd. Mama I cannot express in writing what my heart really & truly feels for you -- and writing seems so useless because it cannot tell what I *feel*. I often think of that first day we went to Oak Lawn last spring when Papa & dear Tommy were there with us all. How mercifully is the future veiled from us! all little did we dream then that in a year had passed three of our family would have passed into eternity. Mama says I must give you a *great deal* of love from her & that she feels most *deeply & sincerely* for you, feels as only one who has lost so many dear ones as she has, *can* feel for another in distress. It pained Willie very much that he could not go to Charleston -- but they would not let him -- he was here today & requested me to give his love with Annie's & mine...

[*The rest of this letter from one of T.R.S. Elliott's sons is missing*]

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**RG 109**, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 28.

Charleston, Feb. 7, 1863

A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief of Artillery, Authorizing Genl. Mercer to make requisition for Ordnance.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 134.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 7th 1863

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, authorizing Genl. Mercer to make requisitions for Ordnance & Ordnance Stores on the Macon, Columbus, & Augusta Arsenals direct &c

Respectfully forwarded for file of Chief of Staff.

A. J. Gonzales, Col. &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 195.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 8th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Gives notice of his absence.

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**EGP**

Grahamville Feb 9th 1863

My Dear Tom

Your letter of this morning has anticipated me as I intended writing you today having heard yesterday that you had returned to Pocatigo, I was very anxious to hear something of the last moments of my Dear Brother, so many happy moments of my life have been passed with him that I cannot even think of him and his uniform kindness to me but with love and pleasure. It is a great satisfaction to me to have been with him even for the short time I was, and I am gratified that his family were around him and that he was conscious of their presence.

On Wednesday the 28th of January I reached Charleston and in the evening went to the Mills House to see your Father for whom I had a letter. I met him in the sitting room and spent the evening with him, he said he would return to Pon Pon in the morning if it was not too cold. I left at 9 o'clock, he did not complain of being unwell although he had the lower buttons of his vest dislaid as if he was oppressed by his dinner. On Thursday morning about 8 o'clock James B. Heyward who was to leave town that morning called at Ewd. Barnwell's to let me know that

my Brother was quite sick at the Mills House. I immediately went to see him -- I found Dr. Pritchard who was a boarder in the house in attendance on him, I found your Father very much oppressed he told me he was not concious of indulging in any thing to effect him in such a way that he had dined on boiled mutton and Beef and had not partaken of the desert after dinner, he threw up repeatedly and his food was undigested. About eleven oclock he was very much relieved by action on his bowels and he slept very comfortably. About one oclock he appeared so much better that I went out to see after a little business and to ask Dr Ogier to see him as Dr Pritchard was to leave the city in the evening. I also saw Mr Bee and told him of my Brothers illness. Dr Ogier saw him after dinner and did not say that he thought him ill. Tom Pinckney, who was in town, came round and spent the afternoon with him as did Mr Bee. I was with him until eleven oclock and being quite unwell myself Tom Pinckney took my place and slept in the room with him. I was compelled to return to my post on Friday -- before leaving that morning I went to see my Brother I found him sleeping very quietly. I spoke to him, he did not awake and I did not rouse him I met Tom Pinckney who said he had a good night and that he was much better. I left the city with no suspicion that his end was so near, he himself had said the night before that he hoped he would be well enough to return home on Saturday-- Dr Pritchard was very attentive to him. He saw him almost every hour in the day-- and the servant who waited on him was both efficient and attentive. I do not think he suffered for the want of any thing, he no doubt missed those tender attentions from his family which throughout his whole life has been bestowed upon him with so much affection by them-- and even this want was supplied in his last moments by their presence. Full of years he has gone down to his grave and the love we bore him will not deminish until we ourselves shall follow him there.

I remain your affectionate

Uncle Geo. P. Elliott

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 197.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 10th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Applies for a battery of 4 pounder Mountain Howitzers, for Capt. L. Davis' Co.,  
Jefford's Battn.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 23)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 23

Charleston, Feb. 10th 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales. Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, applies for a battery of four  
12-pounder Mountain Howitzers for Capt. L. Davis' Company, Jefford's Battery.

Approved & respectfully forwarded, by Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 11th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 197.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 10th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relative to the dispositions of certain guns.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 23)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 23-24.

Charleston, Feb. 10th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales. Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, relative to the dispositions of certain guns.

Respectfully referred to Department Head Quarters with the request that these papers be returned General Mercer as per telegram at Head Quarters, referred to me by Genl.

Commanding, is extremely desirous of having his full battery of rifle pieces for Siege Train & this cannot be done unless the exchange within recommended be made with General Trapier.

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

Ord.

The 12-pounder Rifled gun will be sent to General Trapier as suggested & the other gun (Prioleau) to General Mercer.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 11th 1863, J.M.O.

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, January-March 1863, Chapter 1, Vol. 53.

Charleston, Feb. 10, 1863.

Applies for a Battery of 4 pndr. Mountain howitzers.

Col. Gorgas, Feb. 17, 1863.

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

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 11th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relative to certain guns intended for Charleston Harbor but sent to Wilmington & other places.

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

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 11th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requesting information of the number of men in the Department & also in relation to the Prioleau Gun.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 200.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 12th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Asks to be relieved of the duties of Chief of Ordnance.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 162)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 162.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 12th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, asks to be relieved of the duties of Chief of Ordnance.

The separation of the duties of Chief of Artillery and Chief of Ordnance of this Department cannot at present be made without material injury to the public service.

By Genl. Beauregard, March 5th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 197.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 13th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Asks to have a garrison sent to the work this side of New Bridge.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 32)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 32.

Charleston, Feb. 13th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, asks to have a garrison sent to the work this side of New Bridge.

Respectfully referred to General Ripley.

By command of General Beauregard, Feb. 13th 1863 J.M.O.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 51-52.

Charleston, Feb. 13th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, asks to have a garrison sent to the work this side of New Bridge.

Respectfully returned. One Company from the 46th Regiment Georgia Volunteers will be sent as soon as the works are ready for them.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Commanding

Respectfully referred to Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance & Artillery.

By command Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 17th 1863 J.M.O.

Respectfully returned. I understand the works *this side* of the New Bridge, to have been ready long since. As soon as the above mentioned Company is ordered thereto, the guns & ammunition will be put in battery.

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

Respectfully referred to General Ripley.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 17th 1863 J.M.O.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 200.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 14th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommends the mounting of a 10-inch Columbiad at Castle Pinckney &c.

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**CMR**

(No. 29.)

Requisition for Fuel for the use of the Bureau of Art. & Ord.

Station: Charleston, SC

Wood: 1 1/2 Cords

I certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just, and that Fuel has not been drawn for any part of the time above charged.

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

Received at Charleston the 14 of February 1863 of Maj Motte A. Pringle Quartermaster C. S. Army, One & a half cords of Wood, in full of the above Requisition.

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

(Signed in Duplicate)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 198.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 15th 1863

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

Relative to the capabilities of Charleston Arsenal as reported by Capt. Trezevant,<sup>140</sup> Commanding, and asking for increase of hands &c.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 61)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 61.

Charleston, Feb. 15th 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, relative to the capabilities of Charleston Arsenal as reported by Capt. Trezevant, Commanding, and asking for increase of hands &c.

Respectfully forwarded for the consideration of the War Department, in absence of Genl. Beauregard at Savannah. The suggestion of Captain Trezevant promises important results.

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, Feb. 18th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 198.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 15th 1863

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

Relates to the want of Boxes to pack small arm ammunition &c.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 63)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 63.

Charleston, Feb. 15th 1863

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<sup>140</sup> Captain James Davis Trezevant.

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, relates to the want of Boxes to pack small arm ammunition &c.

The order requested will be issued. Please suggest to Captain Trezevant the he may *season* lumber by means of a drying kiln.

Respectfully, Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, Feb. 19th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 136.

Charleston, Feb. 15th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Roster of Officers under the Command of Col. A. J. Gonzales.

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, January-March 1863, Chapter 1, Vol. 53.

Charleston, Feb. 15, 1863.

Relative to the capabilities of Charleston Arsenal.

Col. Gorgas, Feb. 25, 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 198.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 17th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Asks for the service of Lt. Mellon &c.

(See Special Order No. 44)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 198.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 18th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

On the critical status of Companies B & C 8-inch Howitzers " Siege Train."

(See Special Order 47)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 199.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 19th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relates, to information received from Captain Trezevant of his intention to establish a kiln for seasoning lumber.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 68.

Special requisition made by Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery & Ordnance, for wagon &c. for private transportation.

Respectfully referred to Major Lee.

The army regulations allow but 100 lbs. of baggage to a field officer. My transportation is



too limited to permit one officer to have transportation for 1,500 lbs., or the allowance of 15 officers.

Motte A. Pringle, Major & Quarter Master

Respectfully referred to Col. Gonzales.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 19th 1863 J.M.O.

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**CMR**

No. 22.--(Voucher)

The Confederate States of America,

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Dollars

To labor performed in his offices for which he has paid

6.00

I Certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service.

A. J. Gonzales

Col & Chief of Art & Ord.

Received at Charleston, S.C. 19 Feby 1863 of Capt. G. J. Crafts A.Q.M.-- Six dollars, in full of the above account.

A. J. Gonzales

Col & Chief of Art & Ord.

(Signed Duplicates.)

Note.--This form will be used for miscellaneous disbursements, and will be entered in Abstract B, or C, according to the nature of the expenditure.

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The Charleston *Courier*

20 February 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, February 19.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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The Charleston *Courier*

24 February 1863, 4

**Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, February 22.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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The Charleston *Courier*

27 February 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, February 26.**

...Col. Gonzales...

**List of Consignees per Southern Express Company, February 27.**

...Gen. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 102.

Charleston, Feb. 27, 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Ordnance

Ordnance Department

Recommends that ammunition be supplied from 1st Mil. District to Causton's Bluff,

Georgia.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 120)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 120.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 27th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Recommends that ammunition be supplied from 1st Mil. District to Causton's Bluff, Georgia.

Respectfully referred to discretion of Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Chief of Staff, Feb. 27th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 120.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 27th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Major D. B. Harris, Chief Engineer, reports Columbiad platform ready for its gun at Castle Pinckney.

Respectfully referred for information of Chief of Ordnance.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 27th 1863 J.M.O.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 130.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 27th 1863

To Colonel J. Gorgas

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, recommends that ammunition be supplied from 1st Military District to Causton's Bluff, Savannah, Georgia.

Respectfully returned. There are not more than fifty rounds of rifle projectiles of this calibre to the gun, in this Military District including, shot, bolts or shell. All the guns sent from this District had their proportion of shot &c. If the 24-pounders went from the Arsenal, projectiles should have been sent with them. I do not feel at liberty to send any more from the guns within my command under present circumstances.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

Respectfully forwarded for the information of Col. J. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 28th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 132.

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 27th 1863

To Commodore D. N. Ingraham

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, suggests that the dredge boat Moultrie be converted into an engine of War.

The suggestion is considered a good one & is respectfully referred to Commodore Ingraham in the hope it may be carried out.

By Genl. Beauregard, Feb. 28th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 199.

Charleston, Feb. 27th, 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Informs of his intention of leaving the city.

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**EGP**

Monday 2d March [1863]

My dear Emmie -- I feel as if I wanted to write, and to hear from You much oftener than once a week, and so I wont wait for a regular day for sending letters. Your last was taken from the mailbox as we were driving to the church to see our good Old friend placed in our cemetery. The whole household and Mr Drayton were present--no one else. You can imagine how we all miss Nonie in every way but the feeling is altogether selfish, even Edith has perception enough to know that her release from so much suffering is a gain to her and asked me if I was sorry for Nonie or for myself. She expressed wishes to Miss Hannah about her Sister and namesake which I must try and comply with first writing to her relations in Laurens to ascertain their locality.

I am very glad dear Emmie to hear You have a refuge secured in case You must leave Oaklawn, dont forget to take some blankets and soft pillows with You to make Yourselves comfortable. I trust there will be no attack nearer to You than Savannah. Tom must feel uncomfortable enough. I wonder that he does not sell his negroes. They are bringing such prices. Mr. J. seems much inclined to get rid of his troubles in that way. Working on the public defences has demoralized and made the men hard to manage and they all seem waiting for freedom and utter idleness.

Caroline Seabrook has heard from Aunt Pinckney several times. She bore the journey well and is improving. The hard times and difficulty of providing for daily wants it seemed preyed upon her spirits here. Charley is here on a short visit--he was here this morning looking quite well in his uniform-- he is now "Capt. of Ordnance." Their eldest daughter Annie is boarding at the de Chouseuls.

We have at last some bright weather which I am very glad of on account of colds. Mr J. and Mamie are the present sufferers but good weather will soon cure their cough I hope. Tell Anne Mr J. says I must give her his prescription for pneumonia

10 grs Calomel

15 " Clovers powder

15 " Camphor in five powders every 2 1/2 hours -- repeat the powders until the patient is free from pain.

Do You wish Dear Emmie to have Your garden here planted with vegetables-- it would be more comfortable for Your Servants. I am going soon to see after the place, since the sleet storm it looks very dilapidated, and I will have the garden fence made up and see about it, but I would like Anne to send me some seeds particularly Tomatoes & Ochra, ours last Year were very mean. I dont think I mentioned that Mr J. had the ice house packed with snow fearing we might not have another freeze. I have been out today for the first time for many weeks getting rose cuttings for Mary Manigault-- her Mother and the girls left last week-- and She says She must occupy herself in gardening-- having no gardener I must try and do the same tho' I fear my efforts will be signal failures.

You may be sure we look most anxiously for news each day, from the coast, and I wish I could postpone my anxiety until April until when I hear the Yankees have pospponed [*sic*] their attack, but I cannot think they will be permitted to delay so long. I am so thankful You are all well and that You have those darling children in the house to care for-- little Beauregard must

cling to his Grandmama and love her very much. Love You all dearest Emmie  
Your Affecte Sister [Mary Barnwell Elliott]

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**CMR**

(Form No. 57.--Officers' Pay Account.)

The Confederate States of America.

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

On What Account Commencement and Expiration. Terms of service Pay, per month  
Amount.

Pay-- Dolls. Cts.	From	To	Months	Days	Dolls. Cts.
For myself,	Feby 1/ 63	Feby 28/ 63	1		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 E. A. Deslonde* and to the 31st day of January 1863.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major E. A. Deslonde this 2nd day of March 1863, 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 Arty & Ord.

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The Charleston *Courier*  
2 March 1863, 4

**Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, February 28.**  
...Col. Gonzales...

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The Charleston *Courier*  
3 March 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, March 2.**  
...Col. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 162.

Coosawhatchie S.C., March 3rd 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Captain H. Buist, Company C, 1st Battalion, South Carolina S.S. makes report as mustering & inspecting officer of the Lafayette Artillery, Captain Kanapaux & Company H, 11th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers.

Respectfully referred so much of within as relates to defective gun & deficient Ordnance equipments to Col. Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance.

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, March 5th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 200.

Charleston, March 4th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommends the appointment of officers, pro tem for Companies B & C, Siege Train.  
(See Endorsements Book C, page 173)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 173.

Charleston, S.C., March 4th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, recommends the appointment of officers, *pro tem* for Companies B & C, Siege Train.

The Commanding General does not feel authorized to place acting officers on duty at present. Has none indeed at his disposition suitable that he is aware of.

Respectfully, Chief of Staff, March 6th 1863

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The Charleston *Courier*

7 March 1863, 2

Head'rs Department of S.C., Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., March 5, 1863.

General Orders No. 37

I. Captain H. Wemyss Fielden, A.A.G., having reported for duty on the Staff of the Commanding General, is announced as an Assistant Inspector-General, and will report to Lieutenant Colonel A. Roman.

II. At his own request, Major John G. Barnwell is relieved from duty as Inspector of Heavy Ordnance in Position, and will report to Colonel Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance, as his assistant.

III. Captain F. B. DuBarry, C. S. Artillery, is announced as Acting Inspector-General of Heavy Artillery in Position.

By Command of General Beauregard.

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

Official: Jno. M. Otey, A.A.G.

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**OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, 810

Charleston, March 5, 1863

Col. A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Artillery and Ordnance

Colonel:

In obedience to your order I proceeded to Pocotaligo and saw General Walker, whose answers to the questions you gave me you will please find inclosed.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. Jaquelin Smith  
Captain Artillery and Assistant Chief Artillery and

Ordnance

(Inclosure)

*Memoranda of disposition of guns in Third Military District*

Pocotaligo, March 4, 1863

The guns intended for Ashepoo River, one 12-pounder rifled and one 24-pounder howitzer, are not in position, for the reason that after the battery was built an additional battery was ordered to be built by Captain Echols to receive the rifled gun, and a requisition made on the engineer Department at Charleston for labor to do the same, which has not been received, and because there was no infantry or artillery company that could be assigned to take charge of them until very recently. These guns can be put in position at once in original battery and an infantry company be assigned to take charge of them. The work at Combahee Ferry could not receive the guns, because it was not sufficiently advanced. This work will be ready for the guns in four days. There are no guns for this position unless the 24-pounder Austrian gun sent to Coosawhatchie was intended for it and one of the 12-pounders at Dawson's Bluff, at Pocotaligo. The two guns sent for this position are in works at Old Pocotaligo, to which position they were assigned until the battery indicated for them could be built. This is now in progress.

At Dawson's Bluff there are three guns in position--two 12-pounders, one rifled, and one smooth; also one 24-pounder iron howitzer. At Coosawatchie redoubt there is one 24-pounder Austrian gun, placed there because there was no other position ready for it. The projectiles for the 12-pounder rifle gun at Dawson's Bluff, ordered to be sent to General Mercer,<sup>141</sup> were sent four days ago, and were ordered to be sent immediately (by a telegraph to the commander of the battery), but were delayed four days for want of transportation.

W. S. Walker  
Brigadier-General,

Commanding

(Indorsement No. 1)

Headquarters Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
Charleston, March 7, 1863

Respectfully forwarded.

The chief of artillery cannot account for the 12-pounder rifle siege gun not having been received for the works on Combahee River but on the supposition that the orders on the subject from commanding general have not been fully carried out. Special Orders, No. 247, series of 1862, provided that guns (should be) furnished from White Point Battery, city of Charleston.<sup>142</sup> To avoid loss of time and much inconvenience I respectfully recommend that the 24-pounder bronze Austrian howitzer now in work at Coosawhatchie be left there for the present, and so with the two 12-pounder siege guns at Dawson's Bluff. These are important positions at this moment. An 18-pounder gun now having its trail repaired at the arsenal can be sent by me to

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<sup>141</sup> . Brig. Gen. Hugh H. Mercer. Graduated from West Point in 1828 and resigned from the service after seven years. Was a banker in Savannah until he joined the Confederacy in August 1861. Two months later was appointed Brig. Gen. commanding the 1st Military District of Georgia.

<sup>142</sup> At the foot of Meeting Street.

the Combahee and a 24-pounder howitzer now at my central depot. The character of the Ashepoo and the Combahee Rivers preclude the possibility of the small armaments assigned to them effectually closing them to the enemy if bent upon forcing his passage up unless the submarine batteries which are to be commanded by said guns are established as projected.

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel and Chief of Arty. and Ord.

(Indorsement No. 2)

Charleston, March 9, 1863

Approved. One 12-pounder rifled gun must be drawn besides from Georgetown batteries for the work on Combahee.

G. T. Beauregard

General, Commanding

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**RG 109**, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 37.

Charleston, March 7, 1863

Brig. Genl. W. S. Walker, Answers to questions performed by Chief of Artillery and Ordnance.

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The Charleston *Courier*

7 March 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, March 5 and 6.**

...Col. Gonzales...

**Consignees per Northeastern Rail Road, March 5.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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The Charleston *Courier*

10 March 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, March 9.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 417.

Charleston, March 10th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Informs of his intention to leave the city.

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The Charleston *Courier*

11 March 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, March 10.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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The Charleston *Courier*

13 March 1863, 4

**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, March 12.**

...Col. Gonzales...

**Consignees per Northeastern Rail Road, March 12.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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**OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, 828; and synopsis in **RG 109**, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 39.

Hdqs. Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
Charleston, March 15, 1863

General G. T. Beauregard  
Cmdg. Dept. of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida  
General:

I have the honor to state, in answer to your note of the 13th, received yesterday evening, that there is no record in the ordnance or artillery offices relative to the applications of General Pemberton for heavy guns for this department.

What application he may have made in writing directly to Richmond I know not. I am positive about one thing, to wit, that he went to Richmond to apply personally for such heavy guns and obtained the promise of ten 10-inch columbiads, and several 8-inch which were to have been cast in Rome, Ga.; the latter not being procurable some 10-inch were promised in their stead. I inclose copies of such communications as are on my books in relation to this matter.<sup>143</sup>

I once telegraphed the Secretary of War during General Pemberton's administration for 10-inch mortars, and after your taking command a letter from Colonel Rhett,<sup>144</sup> inquiring how many guns were wanted by you for the defense of the department (heavy guns), having been referred to me by you, I applied for fifty-one 10-inch columbiads for the defense of the inner harbor, as a necessity, after the failure of the obstruction at the gorge, which application was approved and forwarded by you, and of which a copy was, I believe, kept at the adjutant-general's office.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel and Chief of Arty. and Ord.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 418.

Charleston, March 15th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Relative to Siege Train &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 418.

Charleston, March 16th 1863

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

Report of the armament of the work on Combahee River & the disposal of Box of cartridges sent him Commanding General for distribution.

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(No. 40.)

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<sup>143</sup> . Not found.

<sup>144</sup> . Col. Alfred Rhett. Promoted to Col. 5 Sept. 1862. Commander of the 1st Regiment, S.C. Artillery. Commanded Fort Sumter on 7 April 1863 during the Ironclad attack.



SPECIAL REQUISITION.

For 500 Five hundred Blank Requisitions  
 500 “ ” “ Invoices  
 500 “ ” “ Receipts  
 24 Twenty four Pens  
 for Ordnance & Ordnance Stores

I certify that the above requisition is correct; and that the articles specified are absolutely requisite for the public service, rendered so by the following circumstances:

A. J. Gonzales  
 Col & Chief of Art & Od  
 Genl Beauregard Commanding  
 Jno Waddy  
 A.D.C.

Quartermaster, C. S. Army, will issue the articles specified in the above requisition.

Received at Charleston S.C. the 16 of March 1863 of Maj M. A. Pringle Quartermaster, C.S. Army, the above stationary in full of the above requisition.  
 (Signed Duplicates.)

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

**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 224.

Charleston, March 17th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales  
 Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, relative to the Special Train for  
 Ashepoo Station &c.  
 Approved by command of Genl. Beauregard, March 18th 1863

**OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, 828

Hdqrs. Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
 Charleston, March 17, 1863

Respectfully forwarded to Brigadier-General Ripley as part of the information desired by him.  
 A. J. Gonzales  
 Colonel and Chief of Arty. and Ord.

*List of heavy ordnance turned over to the First Military District by the Chief of Ordnance.*

Date	No.	Description	Date	No.	Description
1862			1862		
August 30	1	10-inch columbiad gun mortar	October 23	1	10-inch sea-coast
September --	1	10-inch columbiad gun mortar	October 26	3	10-inch sea-coast
September --	2	42-pounder rifled and banded gun	November 20	1	10-inch columbiad
September 4	2	10-inch sea-coast mortars	November 27	1	10-inch columbiad
September 8	1	10-inch columbiad	November 29	1	10-inch columbiad
September 11	1	10-inch sea-coast mortar	December 5	1	10-inch columbiad
			December 15	1	10-inch columbiad

September 16	1	10-inch columbiad	1863		
September 22	1	10-inch sea-coast mortar	February 13	1	7-inch rifled and banded
September 24	1	10-inch columbiad	February 14	1	10-inch columbiad
September 29	1	10-inch columbiad		1	7-inch rifled and banded
October 7	1	10-inch columbiad			(Brooke gun),
October 27	1	10-inch columbiad			about middle of March

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 419.

Charleston, March 18th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Encloses report of Capt. L. J. Smith with favorable notice &c.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 27, p. 18.

Savannah, March 18th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Brig. Genl. H. W. Mercer, relative to return of ordnance required by General Orders No. 20 of Adjutant & Inspector General's Office.

Respectfully referred to Col. Gonzales.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, March 20th 1863. J.M.O.

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**EGP**

Greenville 19th March 1863

My Dear Mother

I'm sorry to have delayed writing so long, but on reaching Columbia I could not see Col Preston until Monday and t'was only on Tuesday I received my instructions. These were to proceed to Greenville C H to become enrolling officer for that District, which place I reached yesterday. My Office is to be here, and I will not be required to go about the country, and the conscripts are to be collected by any agents I may employ. My instructions are very full & I hope to master them in a few days I will be allowed a good penman as assistant, in case some soldier on furlough can be procured whose leave can be extended for sixty or ninety days for that purpose. I have also a letter to Col Elford who will give me all the assistance in his power. Col Preston, young Barker (from Charleston) told me, spoke very pleasantly of me at his house the other night, as did others in Columbia--although of course I visited nowhere. Young Pinckney (Huger) also was polite.

On my way here yesterday I met Uncle Pinckney & family at Abbeville Station, and Cotesworth and Carrie came on with me until we changed cars for Pendleton. The last was so changed I did not at first recognize her. They report Aunt Pinckney as still unwell and not completely recovered from her illness. I was confused yesterday from sleepiness. Is it at Cokesburg that Uncle P-- is? At the station I met them Mary Pinckney and others, I did not speak with, took a car "for Abbeville" ~~She~~ Cotesworth said -- I really hope my dear Mother you all

continue well and have suffered no disturbance from apprehended attack. Of course at this distance I must always feel more solicitude on account of you all than when with you. Write to me frequently & give my sisters my love, and ask them to be indulgent to all my short comings. I will today write to Mary -- inform her of my whereabouts & promise a visit, if my office will permit an absence of 24 hours. From what Col Preston said, I may be sent after a while in the same capacity to Beaufort or Charleston Dist. will write again as soon as established in office. At the Hotel here only \$20 a week will be charged.

I wrote to Col Gonzales sending him a pay a/c with my signature and asking him to have it (the pay) forwarded per Express to Greenville. I will write in three days (if an arrangement can be made with the Hotel keeper) to have Frederick sent here, but would prefer you should keep him if his services are needed.

Do ask Ralph to write some time.

Yr affectionate son  
Wm Elliott

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 419.

Charleston, March 19th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Applies for the services of Lt. J. J. Legare.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 418.

Charleston, March 20th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Relative to application made yesterday for the services of Lt. Legare.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 27, p. 24.

Pocotaligo, March 20th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales  
Brig. Genl. W. S. Walker, forwarding reports in obedience to paragraph I, General Order No. 20, Adjutant & Inspector General's Office.  
Respectfully referred to Col. Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance & Artillery.  
By command of Genl. Beauregard, March 20th 1863. J.M.O.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, pp. 1-2, and **PGB**, Reel 8, Frame 682.

Headquarters, Department of So. Car., Ga, & Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., March 20th, 1863

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

Colonel:

Your communication of the 15th inst. has been received & carefully considered by the General Commanding whose remarks on the same I am instructed to communicate as follows:

“The ‘Reserve Artillery’ is intended for use wherever required and although by special

order made subject to be called for when necessary by any District Commander, in the Department it does not follow that it cannot be made to report by the General Commanding for the defence of certain Batteries or field works in any Sub District whenever required for that important service.”

“The details of the attack on the “ Isaac Smith” in the Stono, were arranged by Brig. Genl. Ripley, Commanding 1st Military District, and placed by him (with the approval of the General Commanding) under the Lt. Colonel who had made all the necessary reconnaissances and no Colonel could have been assigned to duty under him. The instructions for the armament of the Batteries in the Combahee and Ashepoo have already been given verbally to the Chief of Artillery and Ordnance.”

“The Battery at Wiltown has already been provided for the siege train must at present be reserved for the defence of the more important works in the 1st Military District the Battery of 32 pdr cannonades on siege carriages now in the work this side of the New Bridge is absolutely needed at present where it is for the defence of that important line of communication across the Ashley River.

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

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 5.

Headquarters, Department of So. Car., Ga, & Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., March 20th, 1863

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

Colonel:

I am instructed by the Commanding General to inform you that the four Blakely guns with their ammunition & harness, lately sent to General Mercer at Savannah, belong to General Wade Hampton. It is the wish of the Commanding General that you send for these guns &c at once, and place them at the disposition of Captain Trezevant Commanding Arsenal. Brig. Genl. Mercer has been notified that you will call on him for the guns, ammunition &c.

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

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 419.

Charleston, March 21st 1863

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

Relates to the wording of orders, as showing position of the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 419.

Charleston, March 21st 1863

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

Relative to command of Siege Train.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 273-274.

Charleston, March 22nd 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, "Circular" containing instructions to District Ordnance Officers &c.

Respectfully referred to Dept. Head Quarters. The circular of which the within is a copy was sent by the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance direct to Captain Du Barry, Ordnance Officer of this District. The third paragraph calls for reports &c. to be made by staff officers of District Commanders. I know of no authority of the officer from whom the circular emanates, to declare a penalty for not rendering reports which may not be made, or to cause inspections to be made by officers of the District Staff if not deemed necessary by District Commanders. In the present case, I believe to carry out the proceeding indicated would be needlessly to multiply papers, and entail the necessity of employing a large additional force of Staff Officers & clerks. The deficiencies in the Ordnance Department are generally, & I think fully exhibited in requisitions. When these are noticed by inspecting officers, the almost invariable answer is that requisitions have been made for them long ago. I respectfully suggest that the third paragraph of the Circular be modified if not stricken out altogether.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

The attention of Col. Gonzales has been called to the redundancy of paragraph III of his Circular, also to the irregularity with which circular was sent to Capt. Du Barry.

Respectfully, Chief of Staff, April 1st 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 419.

Charleston, March 23rd 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Correction of Endorsement of 21st March 1863.

(See Endorsements Book D, page 31)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 27, p. 30.

To Col. J. Gorgas

Requisition for Napoleon guns, on Major F. L. Childs by him returned and re-forwarded with endorsement of Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery.

Respectfully referred to Commanding General in case that further action by him to procure Napoleon guns from Augusta for this Department should be found advisable.

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

Respectfully referred to Col. Gorgas in the hope that this Department may be supplied as soon as practicable, due regard being had to comparative wants of other Departments.

By Genl. Beauregard, March 23rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 27, p. 31.

March 23rd 1863

To Brig. Genl. H. W. Mercer

Col. A. J. Gonzales, correction of endorsement of 21st March 1863.

Respectfully referred to Genl. Mercer for his information.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, March 23rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 27, p. 63-64.

Charleston, March 24th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley, reports deficiency of friction tubes in this District. The Chief of Ordnance has 4 or 5,000 on hand which he declines to issue.

Respectfully returned. I have had for some time past at my depot; as it has been the only supply immediately available for this army in the Department, forty five hundred (4,500) friction tubes and ten thousand (10,000) priming tubes. Not knowing where the enemy would strike first, I have held them in my hand, in order to dispose of them to the very best advantage, I have made since Dec. 13th 1862 requisitions on Richmond and Atlanta for one hundred & thirty thousand (130,000) friction & priming tubes, the former in much the larger quantity. (See Enclosure No. 1) Far from declining to issue the forty five hundred (4,500) friction tubes in my possession, as soon as the probabilities were of Charleston being attacked rather than Savannah, I ordered, of my own accord on the 19th inst. Capt. H. L. Ingraham to issue Capt. Wilkinson among other desirable stores 2,000 friction tubes and 8,000 (out of 10,000) priming tubes, on the 24th inst. I ordered one thousand more friction primers for Capt. Du Barry leaving me but 1,000 for all the contingencies of war, in the six remaining Districts of the Department (See Enclosure No. 2).

Having received day before yesterday six thousand friction tubes & five thousand priming tubes from Atlanta, in response to a requisition of mine for 25,000. I have ordered (5,000) of the former and the whole of the latter, issued to Brig. Genl. Ripley. Thus, out of ten thousand five hundred (10,500) friction tubes and fifteen thousand (15,000) priming tubes at my Depot, I have issued to Brig. Genl. Ripley, eight thousand (8,000) friction tubes and thirteen thousand (13,000) priming tubes. I have therefore left for the whole Department twenty five hundred friction tubes and two thousand (2,000) priming tubes. If the General Commanding so desire it, they will also be issued to Brig. Genl. Ripley. A copy of a letter of the 26th inst. to Col. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance at Richmond, is respectfully enclosed (Marked No. 3) showing the action of this Department in the matter of friction tubes. Supposing it to be in order that District Commanders should suggest what is in the plain and obvious line of regular duty of a head of Staff Department, to wit, in the Ordnance, the attending to his own supplies, the Commanding General will be enabled to decide by the above statement and that accompanying Documents whether that duty has been attended to.

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

The course of the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance in relation to the friction & priming tubes, meets with the entire approval of the General Commanding.

By Genl. Beauregard, April 2nd 1863

A copy of endorsements forwarded to Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley, for his information.

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**CMR**

RECEIVED at Charleston Arsenal S.C. this 24th day of March 1863 from Lieutenant J. J. Legare Acting M.S.K. [Military Store Keeper] of Ordnance, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, viz:

1 One Telescopic Sight

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

(Signed Duplicates)

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**RG 109**, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 42.

Charleston, March 25, 1863

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Forbids anything being sent to Central Depot except what he calls for.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 420.

Charleston, March 26th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Reports 300 Enfield rifles & 30,000 rounds ammuniton to Genl. Finegan.

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**EGP**

Pocotaligo March 27th, 1863

I have been in rept of your letter for some days Dear Emmie, & have delayed answering it from day to day in the hope of writing you some interesting news from this department, but every thing is quiet, too quiet-- I am anxious for the Enemy to make an advance on this point at once & let the matter be decided. We are very, very strong in fortifications & Rifle pits, besides Torpedoes of, & in the mouths of Pocotaligo & Coosawhatchie, we have the Ferry Road & Mackay's Point Road lined with them, so that if the Enemy should land, they will find these Roads hard to travel. These Road Torpedoes are simplt ten inch Columbiad Shells filled with Powder, with a fuse or friction match so nicely adjusted that the slightest pressure of the foot will cause them to explode. What consternation will be produced among the Regt. of Darkies, which of course will be in advance, should they stumble upon them.

The news from the Signal Corps at Foot Point is, that 3 Iron Clads & Six Transports have sailed South, we can only conjecture as to the point, I think if not to the Ogeechee, they have been sent to Banks for use on the Mississippi, as wooden craft can stand no chance against Port Hudson & Vicksburg. It is certain that much Powder will be burnt during the month of April & I trust it will be to some purpose on our part.

It is probable that the full moon next week will be the time for the Yankee demonstration on Charleston, the tides will be high, & should the w[eather] be good we may look for it.

Your announcement of poor old Nona's death Dear Emmie, did not surprise me, it is so rare that one of her age, recovers from severe illness,-- we have indeed lost more of a kind Relative, than friend in that good soul.

Do say to Mama that her Letter & parcel to Phe, were safely delivered by Ben, & She will write & thank her shortly. Should every thing be quiet after the 1st of April I will bring my family back to Bethel to remain until the middle of May & then go to McPhersonville for the Summer. Have you all made any plans yet for the Summer? it will scarcely do to spend the *whole* Season at the Run. Where is William? Ralph I am glad to hear is with you at nights. Give my [*torn*] to my Dear good Mother, [*torn*] Ann, Hattie & her little ones. I think of you all constantly & with much affection.

Your aff. Brother



**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 419.

Charleston, March 28th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relates to 12 pounder banded & rifle gun sent to Green Pond for the Combahee.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 420.

Charleston, March 29th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Gives notice of his absence from the city.

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**Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, March 30.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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**OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, 851-852; and **RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 30.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.

Charleston, S.C., March 31, 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel & Chief of Artillery & Ordnance

Charleston

Colonel:

The Commanding General instructs me to direct that you will remove all ordnance and ordnance stores not necessary for the defense of Charleston to some safe place, and when this has been effected you will report the execution of the order to these Head Quarters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Clifton H. Smith

Assistant Adjutant-General

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Headquarters Chief of Arty and Ord.,

Charleston, March 31, 1863

IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL that all Light Batteries in the Department should conform at once to the organization prescribed in Paragraph I., General Orders 115, Headquarters Department South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, dated December 4, 1862 of four (4) guns to each Battery and six (6) horses to the piece. All surplus guns will be sent in to the Ordnance Depot at Charleston, addressed to the undersigned.

A. J. GONZALES,

Colonel and Chief of Artillery and Ordnance

Department of S.C., Ga. and Fla.

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**EGP**

Greenville April 1st [1863]

Emmie's letter enclosing Phoebe's reached me a few nights since, My Dear Mother and I was sorry to see from the first that you were unwell, and I sincerely hope that the change of air, if you made such a change, has been of benefit to you--at any rate that you are now doing well. I ought to have written before but have been very busy with my office; and have scarcely any recreation but at night.

The weather has been atrocious--rain wind and sleet and now we have at last a settlement--I hope--but resembling November in New York. There are many Low Country people here--as can be judged from going to Church, where I have been 3 times. The Fullers I have not yet been to see, but bowed to them in the streets once or so. In the hotel are a refugee family from Alabama Miss Maria Simmons and a Mrs Boly--formerly Jane Heyward. She was at the North after the 1st battle of Manassas-- has been here 18 months and intends going to Baltimore by flag of truce to meet her husband taking care of her property in Yankee Land. She has great pluck. They all treat me very well. At Church I saw Sue Allston & Sallie Lowndes-- but did not speak.

The honest people of the town are well disposed to the Enrolling Officer, but one of the Majistrates, [*sic*] who make capital by getting people off from ~~Exemption~~ Conscription I ordered out of my Office the other day. These people are the greatest set of knaves & Yankees I ever saw. Out of 80 odd persons I have enrolled, only about 6 or 7 will go into service. The Act of Congress allows exemptions, and there are men who will make oath to anything & Magistrates who will countenance them and advocate their case to make money or get votes. Now my bloods up & Ill cancel every exemption (my instincts give the right) that have been given upon false statements. I have an active Sergeant out finding out all that is possible about those who claim exemption. Congress is weak to exempt men, as it does and substitution ought to be dispensed with. These exemptions are all within the Conscript age 18 to 40.

The arrangements of my office are nearly completed. I have to keep 5 different Rolls, and other lists. This is an important Post as I have received 3 letters from Hd Qrs (Columbia) in the week relative to my business. They know how the men are shirking duty.

The fine weather now set in will I apprehend bring the Yankees on Charleston or some other point. I hope you are prepared to move in case of necessity. Frederick can remain with you for the present as he may be of use--till the Spring campaign is over. Love to my sisters baby & Ralph & the rest.

I am always

Yr Affectionate son [William Elliott, Jr.]

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 31.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 1st., 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel & Chief of Artillery & Ordnance  
Charleston

Colonel:

A copy of your circular of the 22nd March has been brought to the attention of these Head Quarters by Genl. Ripley who regards the III paragraph as involving not only more labor

than can be spared but also as directing the District Ordnance officer to do a thing over which he has no control-- that is, he can have no control of course, over the reports of the inspections made by Staff Officers as prescribed in paragraph XIX, Department G. O. No. 95 series 1862-- as said reports are not rendered to him but to you.

He calls attention further, to the fact that the circular in question was communicated directly to Capt. Du Barry and not through the District Commander as directed in Par II Circular from these Head Quarters dated Dec. 9th, 1862.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 282-283.

Charleston, April 1st 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, "Circular" Ordnance officers to furnish without delay returns of small arms & cartridges.

Respectfully referred to the Brig. Genl. Commanding.

F. B. Du Barry, Capt. Artillery & Ordnance

The within copy with endorsement is respectfully referred to Department Head Quarters.

I am not aware that the Chief of Ordnance or Artillery has authority to issue commands either personally or by his assistants. Moreover on the 17th a full report of the small arms & ammunition of this command was furnished from the office of the District Ordnance Officer. It has been increased since by Brig. Genl. Clingman's Command, returned from Savannah & understood to be in condition, as on its arrival fully supplied. If it were not so, the Commanding officers I respectfully represent are accountable & I doubt not from results of regular inspections, such deficiencies as could be supplied would have been promptly noticed by Generals Clingman & Gist. I beg respectfully to suggest further, that the supply of ordnance & stores of all kinds in Depot, will be shown in the Quarterly return now being prepared, & moreover that heretofore an accumulation of reports, requisitions & returns sent forward to the office of the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance shows but little further result than such accumulation. It will be necessary if increased, to employ more officers & clerks on the duty of sending them. I beg respectfully to represent that deficiencies are generally shown in requisitions, of which a large number are already forwarded, & comparatively but a small quantity supplied, I should be happy to report the fact were it otherwise.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

The Commanding General does not wish any papers called for not prescribed either in orders from War Department or this Department or by Chief of Bureau of Ordnance. It is believed the report prescribed paragraph XIX, General Order No. 95, Series Department 1862, is sufficient. Manner of circular irregular--also was not transmitted thro District Commander.

Respectfully, Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff, April 3rd 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 505.

Charleston, April 1st 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommends surplus six pounders to be put in position on James Island &c.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 278).

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 278.

Charleston, April 1st 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, recommends surplus 6-pounders to be put in position on James Island &c.

Respectfully referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley for his views and to know where those pieces would be most desirable--also if he has artillerists to take charge of them.

By Genl. Beauregard, April 2nd 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 293-294.

Charleston, April 1st 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, recommends surplus 6-pounders to be put in position on James Island &c.

Respectfully returned with the remark that I could use the pieces if furnished with horses & equipments. Otherwise I would suggest that they be sent to Reserve Depots.

S. R. Gist, Brig. Genl.

Respectfully forwarded.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Commanding

The impossibility at this moment of procuring men and horses for the pieces referred to by the Chief of Artillery & Ord. renders it advisable to send them to a place of safety, as well as such ammunition as not likely to be required here. The brass six-pounders should be exchanged soon as practicable for Napoleon 12-pounders.

By Genl. Beauregard, April 7th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 507.

Charleston, April 1st 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

On the objections of Brig. Genl. Ripley paragraph 3 of Circular from this office.

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**CMR**

(No. 32.)

REQUISITION for Forage for Public Horses, One in the service of Bureau of Arty. and Ordnance of C.S. Army, commencing the 1st of April 1863 and ending on the 30th of April 1863 at Charleston So. Ca.

Date of requisition.           Apl 1st 1863

Number of horses.             1

Total number of animals.   1

Number of days.               30

Number of rations.           30

DAILY ALLOWANCE  
TO EACH ANIMAL

Pounds of corn.	12
Pounds of fodder.	14
TOTAL ALLOWANCE	
Pounds of corn	360
Pounds of fodder.	420

I Certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just; that I have now in service the number of animals for which Forage is required, and that Forage has not been received for any part of the time specified.

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. Commanding.

Received at Charleston the 1st of April 1863 of Maj M. A. Pringle Quartermaster C.S. Army, Three hundred and sixty pounds corn, and Three hundred & Twenty (320) pounds of fodder, in full of the above Requisition.

(Signed in Duplicate)

A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Arty and Ordnance

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**CMR**

(No. 33.)

REQUISITION for Forage for *Three* Private Horses in the service of Colonel A. J. Gonzales Confederate States Army, at Charleston for 30 days, commencing the 1st of April 1863 and ending on the 30th of April 1863.

Date	Apl 1st 1863
Number of horses.	3

DAILY ALLOWANCE  
FOR EACH

Pounds of corn.	12
Pounds of fodder.	14
TOTAL ALLOWANCE	
Pounds of corn	1080
Pounds of fodder.	1260

I Certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just, and that I have not drawn Forage for any part of the time above charged.

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

Received at Charleston the 1st of April 1863 of Maj M. A. Pringle Quartermaster C.S. Army, One Thousand and fifty (1050) pounds corn, Twelve hundred and Sixty pounds of fodder, in full of the above Requisition.

(Signed in Duplicate)

To be sent to

A. J. Gonzales  
Chief of Art & Ord

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 280.

Charleston, April 3rd 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, is instructed "to obtain an order directing a Board of officers to be convened."

Brig. Genl. Ripley will please select & detail a Board of three officers for the purpose indicated within.

By command of General Beauregard, Chief of Staff, April 3rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, April-July 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 55.

Charleston, April 3, 1863.

Assigning causes for the delay in forwarding Ordnance Returns.

COL. GORGAS, April 5, 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 505.

Charleston, April 4th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Date, quantity & quality of stores furnished Brig. Genl. Cook's Brigade.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 505.

Charleston, April 4th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Sent certain ammunition to Summerville in view of the pending attack. Finds the building destined for the reception of the stores, occupied by Major Guerin & requests Major G. be authorized to construct another building to receive Commissary Stores.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 506.

Charleston, April 6th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relates to order of March 30th to the receiving for re-issue Ordnance Stores at Depot of Chief of Ordnance from District Ordnance Officers.

(See Endorsements Book C, p. 294)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 294.

Charleston, April 6th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, Relative to order of March 30th to the receiving for re-issue Ordnance Stores at Depot of Chief of Ordnance from District Ordnance Officers.

My endorsement of the 28th ult. to Capt. H. L. Ingraham of the 25th ult. should have read as follows: it was intended to obviate the difficulty referred to by Col. Gonzales. The Ordnance Depot of the Department must not be used as a District Depot--but surplus Ordnance in the Districts can be sent to the Central Depot for general re-issue by the Chief of Ordnance

without regard to where they come from. District Ordnance officers must provide District Depots under their immediate charge.

By Genl. Beauregard, April 7th 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 507.

Charleston, April 6th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Relative to Siege Train &c.  
(See Endorsements Book C, p. 300)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 300.

Charleston, April 6th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales  
Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, relates to the Siege Train &c.  
The wishes of Col. Gonzales can be met simply by a requisition on him for the Siege Train.  
By Command of General Beauregard, Chief of Staff, April 9th  
1863.  
Returned & filed.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 506.

Charleston, April 7th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Reports no guard over Ordnance Stores at Summerville previous to day before yesterday.  
(See Endorsements Book C, page 292)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 292.

Charleston, April 7th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley  
Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, reports no guard over Ordnance Stores at Summerville previous to day before yesterday.  
Respectfully referred for the attention of Brig. Genl. Ripley.  
By Command of Genl. Beauregard. April 7th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 316.

Charleston, April 7th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley  
Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, reports no guard over Ordnance Stores at Summerville up to day before yesterday.  
Respectfully returned through Department Head Quarters. No requisition or statement of necessity for a guard or order to furnish one has ever been received at these Head Quarters. In fact, what there may be there, is entirely unknown by me. I shall be glad to cause any guard necessary to be furnished, when informed of the state of the case, locality, officer in charge &

other things, without which a guard would, probably be as much hindrance as protection.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

Brig. Genl. Ripley will send a small company to Summerville as a guard & garrison. The Company Commander to command the post.

By order of Genl. Beauregard, April 15th 1863, C.S.

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**ORN**, Series I, Vol. 14, 687.

Charleston, April 8, 1863

Lieutenant:

By order of General G. T. Beauregard you will transfer the steamer *Antonica* for the present to Captain Thayer.

A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel and Chief of Artillery and

Ordnance,

Department of South Carolina, Georgia and

Fla.

W[illiam] A. Webb,  
Lieutenant, Commanding Special Expedition

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 507.

Charleston, April 9th 1863

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

Relates to the difficulty of procuring horses & asks for an order on the 2d. Military Dept. for two, for officers in Artillery & Ordnance Bureau.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 57-58.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 9th, 1863

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

Colonel:

Your endorsement dated more than a month ago on an Inspection report of Capt. Henry Buist P.A.C.S. has laid unavoidably on my table until the present since first received & duly read.

It is time Commanders must take as a rule the initiative in supplying their troops with arms & ammunition by making timely and adequate requisitions. Experience, however, having shown that, but too often, this is not done --or if done-- not followed up. It has been found as a wise precaution to have Chiefs of Ordnance and Artillery a part of whose duties shall be to look after the matter of full and timely supplies even in default of requisitions. Therefore, was my endorsement made as Chief of Staff held responsible for the through efficiency of the whole military mechanism in this Department.

Inspectors are placed under you in both branches of your duty with the view to see that the troops are properly armed (the Artillery) and all provided with proper ammunition, to the end

that if need be, the proper measures may be taken to supply deficiencies.

You are correct in your view that a Mustering Officer cannot properly --that is finally-- condemn pieces of Artillery, but it is assuredly proper for him to give his views as to the condition of the arms whether of Artillery, Cavalry or Infantry, and when done it will become the duty of the Chief of Staff to have the matter at once attended to.

An Inspector General or some officer specially detailed for the service examines & finally reports upon the condition of Ordnance or Ordnance Stores "reported unserviceable" see paragraph 1312 to 1315 Army Regulations, but in the field it is not designed that defective Ordnance shall be kept in the hands of troops awaiting such final disposition as is presented by the Regulation when they may be replaced by better arms in the Department.

It is believed, there is no necessity for further orders relating to the duties of the Inspectors of Artillery & Ordnance acting under your command.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 59.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 9th, 1863

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

Colonel:

Your letter of the 1st inst. was submitted to the Commanding General who decides that he does not regard it necessary at present to increase the number of papers called for or prescribed by Army Regulations, the orders from these Head Quarters or by the Ordnance Bureau.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**CMR**

RECEIVED at Charleston Arsenal S.C. this 9th day of April 1863 from Lieutenant J. J. Legare Acting M.S. Keeper [Military Store Keeper] of Ordnance, the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, viz:

2 Two Cavry Combs  
2 Two Horses Brushes

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

(Signed Duplicates)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 62.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 10th, 1863

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



Colonel:

Your communication of the 9th inst. requesting an order on the Quarter Masters Department for two horses for the temporary use of two officers in the Artillery & Ordnance Bureau has been submitted to the Commanding General, who decides that these officers have been stationed here long enough to have provided themselves with their own horses.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, April-July 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 55.

Charleston, April 10, 1863.

States that General Beauregard does not wish a Chief of Ord. sent to him.

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**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, April 9.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 507.

Charleston, April 11th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relates to powder in possession Commodore Ingraham.

(See Endorsements Book C, p. 310)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 310.

Charleston, April 11th 1863

To Commodore Ingraham

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, relates to powder in possession of Commodore Ingraham.

Respectfully submitted to Flag Officer Ingraham with a request that the powder may be loaned if possible.

G. T. Beauregard, Genl. Commanding, April 13th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 316.

Charleston, April 11th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, relative to powder in possession of Commodore Ingraham.

The Bureau of Ordnance at Richmond to whom the requisition for powder was referred, Telegraph--"Col. Gorgas says that he can furnish all the powder required by the army at Charleston."

D. N. Ingraham, Commanding station

Respectfully referred to Col. Gonzales for his information.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, April 15th 1863 J.M.O.

returned & filed.

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EGP

Greenville April 12th, 1863

My Dear Mother

As I am now at leisure after two weeks of almost uninterrupted business, I propose devoting the afternoon to you. Emmie's letter was truly welcome as conveying intelligence of your improved health, and especially your equanimity at the threatening attack on Charleston. The news of the repulse, and the destruction of one of their Monitors is indeed glorious. They will be satisfied I think that their ironclads are not invulnerable; but should they renew the attack they will only lose some more-- at any rate we are justified in expecting a complete victory.

They may indeed land a large force and destroy some plantations at one or more points but wherever we can concentrate a few thousand men, they will be defeated. At any rate the next six weeks should decide the campaign.

I have succeeded in getting some 25 conscripts, part of which number have already been forwarded to Col. Preston. The people here are behaving disgracefully-- Their want of patriotism is amazing. The Act of Congress, to "further provide for the public defence" defeats itself by having attached an Exemption Act which exempts all classes of Mechanics actually engaged at their trades & every owner or overseer of 15 hands. The Mechanic have in some instances I think sworn to falsehoods and the owners & overseers--a stout athletic class have in every instance availed themselves of the possession of a few negroes to keep out of the Service. They are a mean Yankee population, & I intend the next week to take away the exemptions from some of them. This is also a great country for dodgers & deserters and I expect to be engaged as soon as the Office records are finished in having them ~~finished~~ arrested.

I spoke to Cousin Besty [*sic*] coming from Church the other day and will probably go and see them tomorrow. She inquired after all at home. She looked old and very broken. Johnnie is also here--I don't know for how long--Sister Mary wrote to me the other day (the second time) asking me to come & see her-- which request I hope to comply with the end of next week, if my business will allow. There are some nice ladies living in the hotel here--Mrs Boly--a Mrs Washington & her sister Mrs Russell from Alabama--the last very pretty. Her husband is trying to run the blockade. They all treat me very kindly and  
[*The rest of this letter from William Elliott, Jr., is missing*]

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Headq'rs Chief of Artillery & Ordnance,  
Department of S.C., Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, April 12, 1863.

IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GENERAL COMMANDING that in accordance with Paragraph I., General Orders No. 90, 1862, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Chiefs of Artillery in the several commands of this Army will make, before going into action, such disposition of the teams attached to the battery wagons and traveling forges as will render them available for the purpose of securing artillery captured on the battle field.

A. J. GONZALES

Colonel and Chief of Artillery and Ordnance  
Department of South Carolina, Ga. and Fla.

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Hd. Qrs. Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Charleston, April 13th 1863

Brig. Genl. Thomas Jordan  
Chief of Staff

General:

In anticipation of a renewed attack of the enemy's fleet on a more formidable scale and with the experience of his last attempt, I beg respectfully to make to the Commanding General the following suggestions in relation to changes in guns and disposition of works for their better protection.

To retire from Fort Sumter every thirty-two pounder, fill up the casemates with concrete or a portion concrete and the other sand. Place all its heavy guns en barbette *back* of their present position, with a superior slope at an angle greatly depressed so that they may bear upon the water in immediate proximity to the Fort; construct one lower at each angle of the barbette battery to be iron-clad on the water-side and to hold one 7-inch Brock. gun on pivot carriage or an equally powerful gun the elevation of the lower to be as great as can be given it, it would also act as a traverse to each battery; *fill up the quarters on the South face in the same manner as the casemates* and thus strengthen that side in order to receive, if necessary, heavier guns. Place 15 of the 32-pounders now in Fort Sumter on barbette carriages, on the high hills of Morris Island. Commanding Light House Inlet and Folly Island in the middle of Morris Island put five on Gadberry Hill and with these guns and a force of Infantry at command to reinforce it, Morris Island cannot be taken by the foe and without it, Sumter cannot be reduced if fortified as above. The garrison of Fort Sumter by the withdrawal of all but Columbiads and heavy rifle guns would be considerably reduced and quarters could be built for officers on the parade; the rest of the 32's in the Fort could be rifled and banded and placed at Fort Moultrie and extension of Battery Bee as well as the works in inner harbor. I would respectfully recommend in anticipation of a bombardment of Fort Sumter's Barbette Battery, at some future day, by *iron-clad mortar boats* that steps be taken to have 13-inch mortars cast, to be located in Sullivan's and Morris Islands, and for the terreplain to be covered with iron of suitable thickness. Beside the extension of Battery Bee to Fort Moultrie, the gorge would still be better commanded if a tier of elevated sand-batteries new constructed in rear of battery Bee, at the opening made by the present works, towering over it, with a plunging fire upon the channel. To defend Fort Sumter on the western face the strengthening of Fort Johnson seems also desirable.

Guns in the inner Harbor would be advantageous when procured, but the above suggestions can be carried out, with such guns as we now possess and the strength of the Harbor defenses immeasurably enhanced.

Respectfully Your Obt. Svt.  
A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief of Arty. &

Ord.

Respectfully referred to Major Harris, Chief Engineer, for his observations.

G. T. Beauregard  
Genl. Comdg.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. So. Ca. Ga. & Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 17th 1863

Respectfully returned. Some of the ideas contained in this communication are good, others not so, & others again, although good, are impracticable at this time. The reorganization of the defences of this Harbor is so momentous a subject that none but a Board of competent Engineers & Artillery officers can decide upon it. The General Commanding does not feel himself *alone* equal to the task. At the proper time such a Board may be called together for the purpose stated, when it will be glad, no doubt, to have submitted to it, the views expressed in this paper by Col. Gonzales.

G. T. Beauregard, Genl. Comdg.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 507.

Charleston, April 13th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommends improvements for the better defence of Charleston.

(See Endorsements Book C, p. 311)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 311, 332.

Charleston, April 13th 1863

To Major D. B. Harris

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, recommends improvements for the better defence of Charleston &c.

Respectfully referred to Major Harris, Chief Engineer, for his observations.

By Genl. Beauregard, April 13th 1863

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By Genl. Beauregard, April 18th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 74.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.

Charleston, S.C., April 14th, 1863

Brig. Gen. W. S. Walker

Commanding 3rd. Military District

General:

I am instructed by the Commanding General to inform you that he has made an exception in the case of Capt. Stephen Elliott's Battery, and Capt. Elliott will be allowed to retain six (6) pieces in his Battery.

I have the honor to be General, Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

Jno. M. Otey, A.A.G.

Copy for Col. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 507.

Charleston, April 14th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Asking under whose command the Siege Train is &c.

(See Endorsements Book C, p. 316)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 316.

Charleston, April 15th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, asking whose command the Siege Train is under.

The Siege Train in question is under the command of Brig. Genl. Ripley. The papers referred to within were sent thro office of the Chief of Artillery & Ordnance for his information after which it was expected they would be forwarded through Brig. Genl. Ripley.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, April 15th 1863 C.H.S.

Returned & filed.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 138.

Charleston, S.C., April 15th 1863

Engineer Department

D. B. Harris

Major & Chief Engineer

Giving as requested by General Commanding, his opinions upon the merits of the proposals made by Col. Gonzales for defending the outer harbor, in his letter to General Commanding of the 13th April.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 79.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.

Charleston, S.C., April 16th, 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Colonel & Chief of Artillery & Ordnance

Charleston, S.C.

Colonel:

I observe in the Charleston newspapers certain orders that, as before explained to you on several occasions, belong to the Department of orders of an Army & cannot properly emanate from a bureau such as yours. They are clearly of the nature of orders-- and I must insist on your observance in this matter hereafter of the usages & regulations of the service.

Respectfully Your obedient servant

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 508.

Charleston, April 16th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Relates to Col. C. C. Jones<sup>145</sup> not turning over his (4) guns (surplus) to the central depot.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 81-82.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 17th, 1863

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

Colonel:

The subject matter of your communication of the 14th inst. and the indorsements thereon, have been laid before the Commanding General, who instructs me to reply as follows.

From the papers submitted, it appears that no regular requisition on the Chief of Arty & Ordnance, as contemplated in the order of March 13th 1863 may have been made either by the District or Sub-District Commanders. Major Allston reported finally for duty to Brig. General Gist under a misapprehension on the order on the part apparently of both of those officers. The endorsement from these Head Quarters of the 15th inst. on your letter of inquiry of the 14th decided the Battery to be under the command of Brig. Genl. Ripley and the Commanding General does not understand what good to the service and what advantage to you could result from the prolongation of the discussion after that endorsement.

Present circumstances are not favorable to such discussions, when the time and attention of these Head Quarters are absolutely required by more important considerations. When an officer of the General Staff does not clearly understand an order from these Head Quarters it is his duty to carry it out in *Spirit* if he cannot in *letter* and when in doubt, he will call in the "Chief of Staff" for a verbal explanation. The discussion of orders is unmilitary, tends to obstruct the public service & to increase the already overtaxed labors of the Adjutant General's office of the Department. The Commanding General judges of the efficiency & zeal of his officers by their alacrity in obeying the *Spirit* when they cannot the *letter* of his orders.

Respectfully Your obedient servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 48.

Charleston, April 17, 1863

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Relative to letter received from Brig. Genl. Jordan, Chief of Staff, in relation to published order.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 508.

Charleston, April 18th 1863

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

Recommends the stores collected at Summerville under charge of Lt. Moses be turned over to him, for the regular supply of the Department.

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<sup>145</sup> Colonel Charles Colcock Jones, in Savannah.

EGP

Pocotaligo April 18th, 1863

My Dear Emmie,

Phoebe having sent you a note the day after I recd. your letter, I have postponed until now a reply -- I sincerely trust our dear Mother is improving in health, a change no doubt would do her much Service, but the question is where & the Bluff I think would be too depressing, the proper change *I* think, for Mama would be a trip to Glenn Springs before the weather becomes too warm.

I think it probable that we will all be left in peace & quiet now, that the great attack upon Charleston has ended so disastrously for the Enemy,-- an attempt to capture the City by land cannot be thought of, 100,000 could not do it. The City in their hands, & the Forts in ours would not answer, for they would be blockaded themselves, it is not likely then that another attempt will be made either by land or water. The Naval Officers (Yankee) have no doubt come to the conclusion that their Iron safes are humbugs & that Charleston with its 1000 Guns, cannot be taken. What an awful letdown to the whole Yankee Nation. What curses will be heaped upon poor little So Ca in their rage & furry, at being thus thwarted in their revenge. The little affair here of burning the Steamer in Coosaw River is quite creditable to our Troops. Willie was one of the crew that went aboard the burning Boat & brought off the surrounded men. Mayer the Scout returned from Port Royal on Tuesday with a Negro,-- he was taken nearly opposite Shell Point, in broad River & in open day, in sight of the Yankee & Negro Pickets upon the shore, he was quietly fishing for drum, the fellow is a Driver belonging to W. Bolan in Grahamville & quite a desperate Villian, he resisted vigorously but the Scout quieted him with the but of his Pistol, dragged him out of his boat & placed him in his own & he is now at Genl Walkers Head Quarters. nothing of importance has been elicited from him. The Pickets now at the Ferry are Negroes, & some of our men very improperly converse across the River with them. The consequence is that they use most abusive & insulting language towards them, & they have to bear it, for Picket firing is not allowed.

April 19th. I was interrupted in my scribble yesterday Dear Emmie & could not finish it in time for that days mail, so will send it tomorrow. It is a great comfort to hear often from you so do not let your pen rest too long. My family are still in McP[hersonville] but will come down on Tuesday to remain until the 15th of May & then return,-- I have the coolest House in the village & loaned to me for the Summer by Tom Cuthbert, who has recently purchased it, being so near my Plantation is quite a comfort to us all, & if we only have health will be particularly fortunate. I will have to visit the City soon on business, & may not have time to stop & see you all, but will do so early in May.

With my love to My Mother Sisters & Ralph-- I remain your attached Brother

T. R. S. Elliott

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RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 90-91.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 21st, 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel & Chief of Artillery & Ordnance  
Charleston, S.C.  
Colonel:



Your communication that the stores, collected at *Summerville*, under charge of Lt. Moses, be turned over to you for the regular supply of the Department has been received and I am instructed to say, meets with the approval of the Commanding General.

Very respectfully Your obedient servant  
Clifton H. Smith, A.A.G.

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The Charleston *Courier*

22 April 1863, 1

WANTED, THREE COMPETENT ENGINEERS, for service in Foreign Trade. If in this Army, will be detailed. Apply, with good references, to the undersigned, A. J. GONZALES, Colonel and Chief of Artillery and Ordnance, Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

[Gonzales probably desired to send these engineers on a mission abroad to purchase engineering equipment, explosives or torpedoes.]

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22 April 1863, 2

**Artillery and Ordnance Departments.**

Colonel A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery and Ordnance Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

ARTILLERY

Lieut. Col. Wm. J. Saunders, Assistant Inspector of Light Artillery.  
Major Burnett Rhett, Chief of Artillery, Gen. Gist's Command.  
Lieut. Col. Delaware Kemper, Chief of Artillery, Gen. Hagood's Command.  
Capt. Stephen Elliott, Jr., Chief of Artillery Gen. W. J. Walker's Command.  
Lieut. Col. Charles C. Jones, Chief of Artillery, Gen. H. W. Mercer's Command.  
Major M. Stanley, Chief of Artillery, Gen. Howell Cobb's Command.

ORDNANCE

Major John G. Barnwell, C.S.A., Assistant Chief of Ordnance.  
Captain L. J. Smith, Assistant Chief of Ordnance.  
Captain H. L. Ingraham, in charge Department of Chief of Ordnance.  
Captain F. S. DuBarry, Ordnance Officer, First Military District.  
Lieut. Isaac Hayne, Ordnance Officer, Second Military District.  
Lieut. W. W. Elliott, Ordnance Officer, Third Military District.  
Lieut. J. L. Boatwright, Ordnance Officer, Gen. Trapier's Command.  
Lieut. A. F. Cunningham, Ordnance Officer, Gen. Mercer's Command.  
Lieut. W. D. Harden, Ordnance Officer, Gen. Mercer's Command.  
Lieut. E. T. Buckman, Ordnance Officer, East Florida.  
Captain A. F. Pope, Ordnance Officer, Middle Florida.  
Captain Charles Pinckney, Lieuts. Creswell, Legare, Russel and Capt. DuBarry, Gen. Ripley's Ordnance Officers.  
Major Burnett Rhett, Gen. Gist's Ordnance Officer.  
Lieut. \_\_\_\_ Ashe, Gen. Clingman's Ordnance Officer.  
Major J. J. Pope, Inspector of Ordnance, Georgia.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 92.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 22d, 1863

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

Colonel:

Capt. Gaillard has been authorized to retain the two (2) surplus pieces attached to his Battery for the present as two sections of his Battery are stationed at Battery Warren and one at Camp Anderson, Christ Church Parish, both doing important duty.

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

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 96.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 23d, 1863

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

Colonel:

The Commanding General directs that you send to Savannah a carriage for the ten inch Columbiad now en route for that place and also another similar carriage whensoever the Columbiad now here belonging to Savannah, shall be sent there.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
John M. Otey, A.A.G.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 509.

Charleston, April 23rd 1863

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

Applies for the services of Lt. J. G. R. Gourdin, Company "H" 1st Infantry S.C.A. for copying drawings of carriages for heavy guns.

(See Special Order 90)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 509.

Charleston, April 23rd 1863

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

Ordered yesterday one 10-inch Columbiad carriage to Savannah.

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**Consignees per South Carolina Rail Road, April 24.**  
...Col. Gonzales...

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The Charleston *Courier*  
25 April 1863, 1  
**Artillery and Ordnance.**

It may well be supposed that in a department as large and important as that assigned to Gen. Beauregard, and including a large proportion of exposed coast lines and many cities and harbors, the post and duties of Chief of Artillery and Ordnance would be onerous and responsible, and would only be entrusted to an officer of varied and approved qualifications. The manner in which the duties of this post--or of the two posts combined, the Artillery and Ordnance being generally separated--deserves special regard and commemoration. The Chief of Artillery and Ordnance is Col. A. J. Gonzales, whose well known qualifications and zeal in behalf of the South justified Gen. Beauregard in having his services as Volunteer Aid and Inspector-General. In this relation he served under Gen. Beauregard efficiently and acceptably during the first term of that beloved General in Charleston, and until his transfer to the Potomac.

Colonel Gonzales remained to serve the State, and was appointed Inspector General by Gov. Pickens, in which capacity, and without any official position or rank, in Confederate authority, he rendered signal service. He remained for two months in Richmond with a dogged determination to procure artillery at a time when the demands of other departments far exceeded the products of our foundries and shops, and clamorous and importunate requisitions were made from all quarters by many who believed that South Carolina was not then in danger. Col. Gonzales thought otherwise, and labored incessantly and in all modes of exertion and influence to arouse attention and prepare means for the defence of our coast. He succeeded where others would have done little or nothing, in procuring thirty guns, including sixteen Columbiads, for which he received the thanks of the State. Some of these guns were lost at Hilton Head--a result for which he was not responsible--but some of them yet remain to do service against the foe. The Columbiad which did good execution at the Lamar Battery in the memorable battle of Secessionville, and is now in Battery Bee, was one of this list.

Soon after the fall of Port Royal, Col. Gonzales tendered his services to Brigadier General Ripley, who appointed him a Special Aid, with the direction and control and organization of a siege train, which he formed with the Palmetto Guard, Capt. G. L. Buist, the Charleston Light Dragoons, Capt. Rutledge, and the Rutledge Mounted Riflemen, Capt. W. L. Trenholm.

He labored with characteristic zeal and assiduity for three months in this position, without rank or pay, and aided largely in establishing many defences which need not now be mentioned.

He received also a temporary and special appointment from the State on a commission for the defence of the Pee Dee.

Gen. Pemberton, on taking command of the department, requested the services of Col. Gonzales as Chief of Artillery, having known and tested his skill in that post while in command at Coosawhatchie. This post has been filled since then under Generals Pemberton and Beauregard by Col. Gonzales, and for some time past the duties of Chief of Ordnance have been combined with it. Much that he has aided largely in perfecting, and much that he has suggested and devised, cannot be properly mentioned.

He deserves, however, special thanks for his sagacity and perseverance and determination in procuring the Brooke gun, and for his intelligent appreciation and adoption of the improvement designed by Lieutenant-Colonel Jos. A. Yates--an improvement which had been known for some time but had not been properly recognized until it was adopted and urged by

him. Thoroughly acquainted with all the established rules and resources and advantages of artillery and ordnance, as taught in the books, he is so happily constituted as to be above routine and is capable and desirous of improvement in all branches. Fertile in resources and prolific in suggestions, he is ever eagerly ready and willing to receive, apply and acknowledge the suggestions of others.

Apart from his military skill and inclinations, the most prominent trait in his mind is a devoted love for his Chief and General, to whom in his person he bears a resemblance, which is often noticed, and which with the same uniform might confound any but the most discriminative eyes.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 111.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., April 28th, 1863

Brig. Gen. R. S. Ripley  
Comdg. 1st Military District  
General,

I am instructed by the Commanding General, to direct that the pistols of the boarding party, organized a short time since, be returned to the Cavalry Companies from which they were received--care being taken that the proper receipts or papers shall be exchanged.

I am further instructed to direct the return of the Siege Train to the command of the Chief of Artillery.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

Copy for information of Col. Gonzales.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 428-429.

Pocotaligo, S.C., April 30th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Lieutenant W. W. Elliott, Ordnance Officer, 3rd Military District, asking how to proceed in getting funds to pay clerk.

Respectfully forwarded to Chief of Ordnance. At the time the within clerk was employed the duties of the Ordnance officer at Pocotaligo were very onerous, General Walker Commanding, having been considerably increased. From the nature of it, it may be so again at any day & as it covers a large extent of country some assistance is due to Lt. Elliott for whom I am able to say that for completeness & punctuality of returns & all duties relating to his office he is not surpassed, if equalled, by any Ordnance officer in the Department.

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

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of War. Clerks have not heretofore been allowed to Ordnance officers in the field. It is expected that clerical duties shall be performed by men detailed from the ranks as unfit for the service. Shall this allowance be made on the order of Genl. Beauregard?

J. Gorgas, Col. & Chief Ordnance

The clerk having been employed by authority and having discharged the duties, should be paid. Let, however, instructions be given that such employment is against usage & the duties should be done by detailed men.

James A. Seddon, Secretary

Respectfully returned to Col. A. J. Gonzales. Payment may be made to Mr. Bell for past services under the above authority, by any disbursing officer on Ordnance duty in the District. Let instructions be given that hereafter such duties should be performed by detailed men.

J. Gorgas, Col. & Chief Arty. & Ord.

The employment of Mr. Bell as clerk will cease from & after the date of this endorsement. He will be paid, however, for all services rendered by him up to this time. Duties of the character that he has been discharging will hereafter be performed by enlisted men fit for light duty only.

By command of Genl. Beauregard, May 18th 1863 C.H.S.

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RG 109, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 546.

Charleston, May 1st 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Recommends the disposition of the Siege Train &c.

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### CMR

(No. 32.)

REQUISITION for Forage for Public Horses, One in the service of Bureau of Arty. and Ord of C.S. Army, commencing the 1st of May 1863 and ending on the 31th of May 1863 at Charleston So. Ca.

Date of requisition. May 1st 1863

Number of horses. 1

Total number of animals. 1

Number of days. 31

Number of rations. 31

#### DAILY ALLOWANCE

#### TO EACH ANIMAL

Pounds of corn. 12

Pounds of fodder. 10 1/2

#### TOTAL ALLOWANCE

Pounds of corn 372

Pounds of fodder. 326

I Certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just; that I have now in service the number of animals for which Forage is required, and that Forage has not been received for any part of the time specified.

A. J. Gonzales

Col. Commanding.

Received at Charleston the 1st of May 1863 of Maj Motte A. Pringle Quartermaster C.S. Army, Three hundred and seventy two pounds corn, and Three hundred & Twenty Six pounds of fodder, in full of the above Requisition.

(Signed in Duplicate)

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty and Ordnance

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**CMR**

RECEIVED at Charleston Arsenal S.C. this 1st day of May 1863 from R. J. Wolff Acting Military Store Keeper Charleston Arsenal the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, viz:

1 One Brush (Horse)

1 One pair Bridle Reins

For which I have paid the said R. J. Wolff Actg Military Store Keeper the cost price

Five dollars & fifty cents (\$5.50)

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

(Signed Duplicates)

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**CMR**

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Art & Ord.  
Charleston May 2d 1863.

Brigd. Genl. Thomas Jordan  
Chief of Staff

General:

I have the honor to apply for the first time since the commencement of the war for a leave of absence. I desire to spend a week with my family, near Adams Run, 2d Mil. Dist. after the fatigue of our late preparations, and to leave by tomorrow morning's train. My P.O. would be "Adams Run."

Respectfully your obt. servt.

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

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 20, p. 546.

Charleston, May 2nd 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Application for a leave of absence.  
(See Special Order 97)

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**RG 109**, Departmental Records, Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, Special Orders 1863-64, No. 1-291, Box 66.

Head Quarters, Department of South Carolina, Ga. & Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., May 2d 1863

Special Orders No. 97

X. Leave of absence for 7 days (seven) is granted Col. *A. J. Gonzales* Chief of Arty. & Ord.

By command of Genl. Beauregard.

John M. Otey  
A. A. Genl.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 121-122.

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

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

Colonel:

Your communication of the 1st inst. in regard to the disposition of the “ Siege Train” has been received and considered by the Commanding General whose remarks, thereon, I am instructed to communicate as follows.

“The Bridge and Battery being in the 1st Military District can only be guarded by troops under the command of the Brigadier General Commanding that District. If a healthy location for the Siege train can be found in St. Andrew’s Parish it would be preferable to locate it on that side of the Ashley River than to bring it back to the Race Course.”

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

**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 122.

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

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

Colonel Gonzales will issue all necessary orders for the first two Napoleon guns ready at Macon, Ga. for this Department should be turned over to Captain Ferguson’s Battery on its way to Jackson, Miss., in place of two six-pounders, still in that Battery provided the latter be not delayed thereby on its way to its point of distinction.

Capt. Ferguson’s Battery must be composed of only 4 pieces in all.

G. T. Beauregard  
General Commanding

The Charleston *Courier*  
9 May 1863, 1

**Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, May 6.**

...Col. Gonzales...

**CMR**

(Form No. 57.--Officers’ Pay Account.)

The Confederate States of America.

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

On What Account    Commencement and Expiration.    Terms of service    Pay, per month  
Amount.

Pay-- Dolls.   Cts.	From	To	Months	Days	Dolls.	Cts.
For myself,	Apl 1	Apl 30	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 E. A. Deslonde* at Charleston, S.C. and to the 31st day of March 1863.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major E. A. Deslonde this 12 day of May 1863, 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 Arty & Ord.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 138.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., May 13th, 1863

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

Colonel:

Lt. Col. Yates commanding at Georgetown is in immediate need of 150 Enfield Rifles which the Commanding General wishes you to procure & have sent to him with the utmost dispatch possible as an important operation is delayed for the lack of these arms.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 140.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., May 14th, 1863

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

Colonel:

A communication from Brig. Genl. Ripley in regard to the removal of the Siege Train from Hampstead Mall has been received and considered by the Commanding General and I am instructed to communicate his remarks on the same as follows.

“The siege train will resume the position it occupied before being temporarily assigned for duty to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Military District, and hereafter when any change of its position is contemplated application for such change will be made directly to these Head Quarters for the purpose of referring the matter to the Commander of the District into which it is expected to be ordered.”

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant

**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 126.

Charleston, S.C., May 16th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requests that the Quarter Master at Savannah, Georgia, be ordered to turn over certain stores to the Quarter Master at Lake City, Florida.

(See Endorsements Book C, p. 426)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 426.

Charleston, May 16th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, requests that the Quarter Master at Savannah, Georgia, be ordered to turn over certain stores to the Quarter Master at Lake City, Florida.

Approved by command of General Beauregard, Chief of Staff, May 18th 1863

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**OR**, Series 1, Vol. 14, 945-946

Hdqrs. Third District So. Car.  
McPhersonville, May 18, 1863

Brig. Gen. Thomas Jordan

Chief of Staff and

Assistant Adjutant-General

General:

In view of the withdrawal of the heavy batteries from the rivers in this district, both on account of their want of support and the extreme unhealthiness of the localities in which they are placed, I would respectfully recommend that field rifled guns be supplied for that purpose. They could be manned by companies of light artillery or by instructed infantry encamped in the vicinity. I would recommend the guns to be sent for the defense of the followings points: Combahee and Ashepoo Rivers (the same guns would serve both points), Coosawhatchie and Red Bluff.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. S. Walker  
Brigadier-General,

Commanding

(Indorsements)

Hdqrs. Dept. So. Car., Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., May 20, 1863

Respectfully referred to the chief of artillery to know if there are batteries of field rifle pieces disposable for the positions referred to by General Walker.

G. T. Beauregard  
General,

Commanding



Hdqrs. Chief of Arty. and Ord.  
Charleston, May 21, 1863

Respectfully returned.

There are no batteries available for the purposes here within mentioned but those of Captain Gaillard<sup>146</sup> in the First Military District and Captain Schulz<sup>147</sup> in the Second District; neither are there any rifle guns in the depot unassigned or provided with ammunition.

The defense of the Combahee and Ashepoo is so important that I would suggest the removal of Shulz's battery to Combahee Neck and the transfer of Culpeper's battery to the Second Military District.

As soon as Napoleon guns are procured, of which four will soon be cast at the Charleston Arsenal, I will have the honor earnestly to advocate, for the purpose of meeting the very want of our seaboard in the summer months, referred to by General Walker, the formation of batteries of horse artillery, with four Napoleon guns each and eight horses to the piece, and the Beaufort Artillery would answer admirably for such a purpose in the Third Military District. Such a battery would be far preferable to one of rifle guns for every purpose of attack or defense above the mouths of our principal rivers.

A. J. Gonzales  
Colonel and Chief of Arty. and Ord.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 34, p. 127.

Charleston, S.C., May 18th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.  
Reports Non-compliance with certain orders.

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**PGB**, Reel 8, Frame 726, and **OR**, Vol. 14, 243.

Head Qrs. Department of S.C., Ga. & Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., May 19th 1863

General Samuel Cooper  
A. & I. Genl.  
Richmond, Va.  
General,

I have the honor to transmit with this, the report of Brig. Genl. Ripley, commanding the 1st Military District S.C. of the battle of the 7th ultimo, together with the reports of his subordinate officers, and of Majors D. B. Harris and W. H. Echols, Provisional Engineer Corps.

...To Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Ordnance and Artillery, and Major D. B. Harris, Chief Engineers, and Major W. H. Echols, Provisional Engineer Corps, and their several assistants, I return my thanks for valuable services in their respective Departments.

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<sup>146</sup> . In Feb. 1862 Major Peter C. Gaillard was given command of the 1st. Battalion S.C. Infantry. In August 1863 he lost a hand in the fighting on Morris Island.

<sup>147</sup> . Capt. Frederick C. Schulz commanded Company F.

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

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**CMR**

22 Meeting Street<sup>148</sup>  
(No. 33.)

REQUISITION for Forage for 3 Private Horses in the service of Colonel A. J. Gonzales Confederate States Army, at Charleston for 31 days, commencing the 1 of May 1863 and ending the 31 of May 1863.

Date May 1st 1863

Number of horses. 3

DAILY ALLOWANCE  
FOR EACH

Pounds of corn. 12

Pounds of fodder. 10 1/2

TOTAL ALLOWANCE

Pounds of corn 1116

Pounds of fodder. 976 1/2

I Certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just, and that I have not drawn Forage for any part of the time above charged.

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Art & Ord

Received at Charleston the 19th of May 1863 of Maj M. A. Pringle Quartermaster C.S. Army, Eleven hundred and Sixteen pounds corn, Nine hundred and Seventy six pounds of fodder, in full of the above Requisition.

(Signed in Duplicate)

A. J. Gonzales

Chief of Art & Ord

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 165.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., May 20th, 1863

Brig. Gen. R. S. Ripley  
Comdg. 1st Mil. Dist.

Brig. Genl. H. W. Mercer  
Comdg. Dist. of Ga.

General,

It is the purpose of the Commanding General to park (see General Orders No. 7, paragraph II, War Department, current series) under the command of the Chief of Artillery (Col. A. J. Gonzales) subject to the direct requisitions of District Commanders, all Light or field

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<sup>148</sup> Gonzales' headquarters. General Beauregard had his headquarters at 27 Meeting Street, from 22 September 1862 through August 1863, when Union troops started shelling the city.

Batteries not attached to Brigades or assigned to some defensive position. Will you please report what batteries you have under your command which you do not consider as specially & necessarily attached to some command of troops or to some defensive position in the lines.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 34, p. 126.

Charleston, S.C., May 20th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty. & Ord.

Requests that Private Chaplin<sup>149</sup> be ordered to report permanently as courier.

(See Endorsements Book C, page 434)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 25, p. 434.

Charleston, May 20th 1863

To Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ordnance, requests that private T. B. Chaplin, Company B, 5th South Carolina Cavalry, be ordered to report permanently as courier.

Respectfully referred for remarks of Captain of Company & Regimental Commanders.

By Command of Genl. Beauregard, May 20th 1863, J.M.O.

Returned & filed. Special Order No. 112.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 34, p. 128.

Charleston, S.C., May 23d 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty.

Applies for Light Batteries from Virginia for the better defence of the Department.

(See Endorsements Book E, page 70)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 70.

Charleston, S.C., May 23rd 1863

To A. & I.G.O.

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. & Ord., applies for Light Batteries from Virginia for the better defence of the Department.

Approved & respectfully forwarded for the favorable consideration of the War Department.

By Genl. Beauregard, June 15th 1863

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, April-July 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 55.

Charleston, May 23, 1863.

Applies for Light Battery from Virg. for the better defense of the Dept.

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<sup>149</sup> Thomas B. Chaplin, Manuscript diary at the South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston. Does not cover the Civil War period.

CHIEF OF ORD. June 18, 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 13.

Charleston, S.C., May 24th 1863

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

Announcing the promotion of Lt. T. E. Gregg, Siege Train.

Appd. & respectfully forwarded in the absence of the Commanding General Chief of Staff, May 25th 1863.

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The Charleston *Courier*

26 May 1863, 1

**Consignees per Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, May 23.**

...Col. Gonzales...

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 36.

Charleston, S.C., May 27th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Major Charles Alston, Commanding Siege Train, asking promotion of officers in Companies B & C Siege Train.

Respectfully forwarded. The report of the Board before which these officers were examined has not yet reached this office; I am informed that they have been forwarded through the Commanding officer of 1st Military District to Department Head Quarters. I respectfully request authority for action in the premises.

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

Under the circumstances Col. Gonzales will issue an order announcing the promotion of Lt. S. P. Smith to Captaincy of Company B Siege Train and direct an election to be held for one Second Lieutenancy at present. When the result of the final or *third* examination of Wilson shall have been ascertained, then it will be time to fill other vacancies.

Chief of Staff, June 3rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 18.

Charleston, S.C., May 27th 1863

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

Announcing the promotion of Pvt. R. Nesbitt, Company B, Siege Train.

Respectfully forwarded A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief Arty. & Ord.

Appd. & respectfully forwarded in the absence of the Commanding General Chief of Staff, May 27th 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 49.

Charleston, S.C., May 27th 1863

To A. & I.G.O.

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. Announcing the promotion of Pvt. R. Nesbitt.

Respectfully returned thro' General Beauregard, to Col. A. J. Gonzales. Was Pvt. Nesbitt elected 2nd Lieutenant, or is this intended as a recommendation for appointment? The President

can appoint officers or puts who have been distinguished for valor & skill, but it is necessary that the facts & circumstances of the valor & skill displayed be stated. The usual mode of filling such vacancies, is by election.

By order Sam W. Melton, Major &

A.A.G.

This person was previously elected to fill a vacancy.

In the absence of the Commanding General, respectfully returned.

By Chief of Staff, June 8th 1863

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The Charleston *Courier*

28 May 1863, 1

OFFICIAL ORDERS

Headquarters Dept. of S.C., Ga. and Fla.

Charleston, S.C., May 27, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 72

I. At his own request, COLONEL A. J. GONZALES is relieved from duty as Chief of Ordnance of the Department.

II. Lieut. Col. J. R. WADDY, P.A.C.S., is announced as Chief of Ordnance with these Headquarters.

III. Such LIGHT BATTERIES as are not assigned to Brigades, special commands of defensive positions, in the several Military Districts, will be parked as BATTERIES OF RESERVE, under the command of the CHIEF OF ARTILLERY, as required in paragraph II, General Orders No. 7, War Department, current series, at the most favorable positions near Savannah and Charleston.

IV. The CHIEF OF ARTILLERY will make to the District Commanders in whose Districts the Resertve Batteries are encamped, a monthly return of such batteries, and will hold the same subject to direct requisition for service, which, in urgent cases, District Commanders are authorized to make, without reference to these Headquarters.

V. When an expedition is on foot in this Department, it is specially enjoined on all officers and soldiers who may have knowledge of the fact, to abstain rigidly from conversing on the subject, either among themselves or with others. A departure from this military precaution may defeat the best laid plans for effective blows at our enemy and the Commanding General would most earnestly impress on all the importance of the strictest observance of these orders.

By Command of General Beauregard.

THOMAS JORDAN, Chief of Staff.

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**AJG**

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Artillery

Dpt. of S.C. Geo. & Fla.

Charleston May 29th 1863

Colonel R.G.M. Dunovant

Edgefield C.S.A.

Colonel:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 25th inst, (for which please accept my thanks,) in relation to the adaptability of railways for purposes of defence. I am so much of your opinion

that I submitted to Genl. Pemberton about ten months ago, the plan of establishing on the Eastern Lines, James Island, a rail track sunk in the soil, (the track to be double) upon the double platforms of the cars running over which an extended *siege platform* would be made, by merely linking the former ones, on which to carry with the rapidity of steam, or horse power or when necessary by hand, with drag ropes, a formidable siege battery overlooking the embankment, to whatsoever portion of the Lines the enemy might attack. These guns could be separated or moved together & by giving the necessary turns to the Lines might be made to take the enemy in flank as well as in front. I also recommended a *barbette* battery in a similar plan to be made available from one end of White Point Battery on East Bay in this city to the other end on South Bay. In the latter arrangement the carriages were to be stationary, that is, the platforms & chassis, & the guns were to travel on the cars on their respective carriages & be run into position. The object of these devices, as you well know, is to multiply the Artillery in such a manner as to make ten guns equal to fifty: a great desideratum, where we are deficient in ordnance. The Charleston Courier made reference to this plan last year without specifying it: but our difficulties were so great, that nothing was done regarding it. The beam or beams you speak of could, I think, be used wherever they did not interfere with the fire of the guns & some cars might be even fired with loopholed, iron plated roofs overtopping the embankment for the use of sharpshooters or even men with double barrel guns.

I am very respectfully & truly your obt. servt.

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Artillery

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 25.

Charleston, S.C., May 29th 1863

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

Modifies order of May 27th 1863. Respectfully forwarded, A. J. Gonzales, Col. & Chief Arty.

If Col. Gonzales will send up an original order, that is, one signed by himself, it will be approved & the officer directed to join his new company--this is necessary as he is not otherwise under Col. Gonzales Command.

Chief of Staff, May 30th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 30.

Charleston, S.C., May 29th 1863

To A. & I.G.O.

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty. Modifies order of May 27th 1863.

Pvt. Ralph Nesbitt, Tucker's Cavalry, has been ordered to enter upon the duties of the office to which he has been elected.

Respectfully forwarded in the absence of the Commanding General.

Chief of Staff, June 1st 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 127.

Charleston, S.C., May 29th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty.  
Modifies order of May 27th 1863.  
(See Endorsements Book E, p. 25)

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 128.

Charleston, S.C., May 30th 1863

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Arty.  
Asks that Private T. B. Chaplin, Company B, 5th S.C. Cav. be detached.  
(Special Order 119)

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**CMR**

(No. 32.)

REQUISITION for Forage for Public Horses, One in the service of Bureau of Artillery of Maj. M. A. Pringle, C.S. Army, for Thirty days, commencing the 1st of June 1863 and ending on the 30th of June 1863 at Charleston So. Ca.

Number of horses.	1
Total number of animals.	1
Number of days.	30
Number of rations.	30
DAILY ALLOWANCE	
TO EACH ANIMAL	
Pounds of corn.	12
Pounds of fodder.	10 1/2
TOTAL ALLOWANCE	
Pounds of corn	360
Pounds of fodder.	315

I Certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just; that I have now in service the number of animals for which Forage is required, and that Forage has not been received for any part of the time specified.

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. Commanding.

Received at Charleston the 1st of June 1863 of Maj M. A. Pringle Quartermaster C.S. Army, Three hundred and fifty pounds Corn, and Three hundred & ~~Fifteen~~ pounds of fodder, in full of the above Requisition.  
(Signed in Duplicate)

A. J. Gonzales  
Col & Chief of Artillery

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 35, 99.

Charleston, S.C., June 2d 1863

To A. & I.G.O.

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, Recommends that Capt. Backman's Company Light Artillery be returned to this Department & exchanged with the Nelson Va. Light Artillery. Respectfully forwarded in absence of General Beauregard. I have reason to believe that

Capt. Backman's Company, if in S.C., could be readily filled up to maximum standard with fine material, which would otherwise be lost to the service not being subject to conscription. It is hoped however, that it can be sent here to be recruited & the " Nelson Artillery" still left as a part of the Artillery force of the Department which has recently been depleted of some of its best batteries, sent to Miss.

Brig. Genl. & Chief of Staff, June 3rd 1863

Respectfully returned. Backman's Battery cannot be sent from here at this time. I respectfully request that all recruits be sent to it.

R. E. Lee, Gen.

Respectfully returned to General Beauregard by Comdg. Secretary of War.

N. L. Clay, A.I.G.

It appears the persons in question--some 50 or 60, who could be induced to join the Battery in question (Backman's) are Germans who hold consular protections & cannot be conscripted but who would join the Company were it sent here. Influence could be exerted to that end by an influential German citizen, were the Company here. Believing it for the good of the service much as I want Light Artillery. I repeat, I will agree to exchange the Nelson (Va. Artillery) for this Battery under the circumstances.

Gen. Beauregard, June 22d 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 36.

Charleston, S.C., June 2d 1863

To A. & I.G.O.

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, announcing the promotion of certain officers & ordering an election in Company C Siege Train. Respectfully forwarded, A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty.

Appd. & respectfully forwarded in the absence of the General Commanding.

Brig. Genl. & Chief of Staff, June 3rd 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 53.

Charleston, S.C., June 2d 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales applies for better guns for Light Artillery in Department.

Respectfully forwarded to Lt. Col. Waddy, thro' whom all requisition for Ordnance Stores for Department of S.C., Ga. & Fla. must come.

A battery of Napoleon guns from Macon to replace the one ordered to Genl. Johnston has been directed to be prepared & will be held subject to order of Lt. Col. Waddy. Other batteries will be ordered as soon as the great wants of the western armies are partially supplied. Some 18-pounder rifled guns are at Bermuda & will be ordered over here if needed for this command.

J. Gorgas, Chief Ordnance

Respectfully returned thro' Department Head Quarters to Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, whose attention is called to the endorsement of Col. J. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance at Richmond.

J. R. Waddy, Lt. Col. & Chief of Ordnance

Respectfully returned to Col. A. J. Gonzales by Command of Genl. Beauregard. June 9th



**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 127.

Charleston, S.C., June 2d 1863

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

Recommends that Capt. Backman's Company, Light Artillery, be returned to this Department & exchanged with the Nelson Artillery, Virginia Volunteers.

(See Endorsements Book E, p. 35)

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, April-July 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 55.

Charleston, June 2, 1863.

Recommends that Capt. Backman's Co. Light Artillery be returned to S.C. and exchanged with Nelson's Va. Artillery.

GEN. LEE, June 10, 1863.

RETD. June 17, 1863.

GEN. BEAUREGARD, June 18, 1863.

RETD. June 25, 1863.

SEC. WAR, June 26, 1863.

RETD. June 29, 1863.

GEN. LEE, June 30, 1863.

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**RG 109**, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Register of Letters Received, April-July 1863, Chapt. 1, Vol. 55.

Charleston, June 3, 1863.

Request that fuzes with the McAvey ignitor or others be supplied to that Dept.

COL. GORGAS, June 9, 1863.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 40.

Charleston, S.C., June 3d 1863

To A. & I.G.O.

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, requests that fuzes with the McAvey igniter or other, be supplied to this army.

Approved & respectfully forwarded thro' Department Head Quarters. The fuse with the McAvey igniter is only made at Richmond. I do not know its peculiar merits, but have heard it highly spoken of. I would therefore respectfully request that Col. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance, cause to be furnished this Department (10,000) fuzes with the McAvey igniter.

J. R. Waddy, Lt. Col. & Chief of Ord.

Approved and respectfully forwarded in the absence of the Commanding General.

Chief of Staff, June 5th 1863

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**CMR**

(Form No. 57.--Officers' Pay Account.)

The Confederate States of America.

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

On What Account Commencement and Expiration. Terms of service Pay, per month Amount.

Pay-- Dolls. Cts.	From	To	Months	Days	Dolls.	Cts.
For myself,	May 1	May 31	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 E. A. Deslonde* and to the 31 day of March 1863.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Major E. A. Deslonde this 3 day of June 1863, 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

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**CMR**

No. 22.--(Voucher)

The Confederate States of America,  
To C. A. Coste

June 1, 1863 To one months service as porter at Central Depot from 1st May to 31st May inclusive

45.00 Dollars

(Approved) By Command of Genl Beauregard  
Clifton H. Smith A.A.G.

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

I Certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service.

H. Laurens Ingraham  
Capt in charge Central Depot

Received, Charleston, S.C. June 3 1863 of Major M. A. Pringle QM Forty five dollars, in full of the above account.

C. A. Coste

(Signed Duplicates.)

Note.--This form will be used for miscellaneous disbursements, and will be entered in

Abstract B, or C, according to the nature of the expenditure.

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**CMR**

No. 22.--(Voucher)

The Confederate States of America,

To A. J. Gonzales

June 1, 1863 For one months service of servant Elias as Porter in Offices of Chief of Artillery and Ordnance from the 1st to the 31st May 1863 inclusive

10.00 Dollars

I Certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service.

A. J. Gonzales  
Col & Chief of Artillery  
late Chief of Ordnance

Received, June 3rd 1863 of Major Motte A. Pringle Ten dollars, in full of the above account.

A. J. Gonzales  
Col P.A.C.S.

(Signed Duplicates.)

Note.--This form will be used for miscellaneous disbursements, and will be entered in Abstract B, or C, according to the nature of the expenditure.

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**CMR**

RECEIVED at \_\_\_\_ this 3 day of June 1863 from R. J. Wolff Actg Military Store Keeper Charleston Arsenal the following Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, viz:

1 One Bridle

For use of Orderly of Chief of Artillery

A. J. Gonzales  
Col & Chief of Artillery

(Signed Duplicates)

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**CMR**

(No. 33.)

REQUISITION for Forage for 3 Private Horses in the service of Colonel A. J. Gonzales Confederate States Army, at Charleston for 30 days, commencing the 1st of June 1863 and ending the 30 of June 1863.

Date June 3, 1863

Number of horses. 3

DAILY ALLOWANCE  
FOR EACH

Pounds of corn. 12

Pounds of fodder. 10 1/2

TOTAL ALLOWANCE

Pounds of corn 1080

Pounds of fodder. 945

I Certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just, and that I have not

drawn Forage for any part of the time above charged.

A. J. Gonzales  
Col. & Chief of Artillery

Received at Charleston the 3 of June 1863 of Major Motte A. Pringle Quartermaster C.S. Army, One thousand & eighty pounds corn, Nine hundred & forty five pounds of fodder, in full of the above Requisition.

(Signed in Duplicate)

A. J. Gonzales  
Col & Chief of Artillery

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 188.

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

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

Colonel:

I am instructed by the Commanding General to direct that the Siege Train will take position at such convenient point as will enable it to perform the guard duty at Battery Gadberry thereby relieving Companies V. & G. P.B.L.A.

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

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**RG 109**, Chap. 2, Vol. 19, p. 65.

Charleston, June 8, 1863

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Copy of order assigning Co. Kemper to duty.

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**RG 109**, and Florida, Register of Letters Received, May-December 1863, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 127.

Charleston, S.C., June 8th 1863

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

Stating his intention of visiting 2nd. Military District.

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 128.

Charleston, S.C., June 15th 1863

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

Asking for report of Board of Examination upon certain officers.

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 77.

Charleston, S.C., June 16th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty., recommends the disposition of certain guns & suggests that the Chief of Ord. correspond directly with the Chief of Artillery on certain subjects.

Col. Gonzales will please modify this letter as marked & embody in it the result of my instructions of this day.

G. T. Beaugard, June 17th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 130.

Charleston, S.C., June 17th 1863

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

Recommends the disposition & organization of Artillery.

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 128.

Charleston, S.C., June 19th 1863

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

Recommends that the bill of Messrs. J. Fraser & Co. (for 20 coils of rope) be paid &c.  
(See Endorsements Book E, p. 91)

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 91.

Charleston, S.C., June 19th 1863

To Col. A. J. Gonzales

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Arty., recommends that the bill of Messrs. John Fraser & Co. for 20 coils of rope be paid &c.

The Chief Engineer and Col. Gonzales will take measures to have the account of John Fraser & Co. settled in full without further delay. Accounts like this should never have to be referred to this office. Staff officers who use articles must take measures to ascertain the proper Government accountability & to secure private individuals against prejudice. This will hereafter be rigidly expected of them to the end that cases like this & of the iron purchased for Capt. McCrady shall not have to be repeatedly referred to this office.

Chief of Staff, June 20th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 31, p. 221.

Head Qrs. Dept. So. Car, Ga. and Fla.  
Charleston, S.C., June 22d, 1863

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

General:

Your letter of this date has been received by the Commanding General, who authorized you to call on the Chief of Artillery for the Battery of the Siege Train which you require; but it is his wish that, as soon as circumstances may permit, some light battery may be substituted, as it is desirable to keep the Siege Train together as habitually as practicable.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

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**RG 109**, Chapt. 2, Vol. 26, p. 121.

Charleston, S.C., June 27th 1863

To Lt. Col. J. R. Waddy

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, recommendations in Artillery &c.

Appd. & respectfully referred to Lt. Col. Waddy, Chief of Ordnance, for his action.

By Comdg. Chief of Staff, June 29th 1863

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**RG 109**, Chapter 2, Vol. 34, p. 129.

Charleston, S.C., June 27th 1863

A. J. Gonzales

Col. & Chief of Arty.

Recommendations in Artillery &c.

(See Endorsements Book E, P. 121)

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**EGP**

Beaumont 28th June [1863]

“By rights” I should have written to You before My dear Emmie but I consider it all the same thing in writing home, so will make no excuses. I am surprised to find My letters take a whole week to reach You-- it is well they are of no great importance. Yours come now speedily. Mamma’s last was quite disappointing. I thought I should hear of some time being fixed for Your journey, but it does not surprise me that the disagreeables of moving are postponed to the last, only tell Mamma-- Wagons are *very* scarce, and some forethought is necessary-- 50 bushels of corn is a full load of itself for a wagon-- tho’ that or a portion might wait in Greenville. The freights from thence are immense-- \$2.25 a hundred instead of 60 or 70 cts as of old. We are hoping to hear that Mr Bee has procured corn and bags for us. I am very glad to hear of the new picket arrangement for guarding the negroes and trust it may arrest desertion on their part-- it would be ruinous to have more of such raids at the Combahee. Ralph being near is another great advantage. Such evanescent property must always be a care as long as the war lasts however-- and *We* feel greatly relieved to have Trenholm & Co. the possessors of ours.

For the last week Mr. J. has been a prisoner from his old enemy the poison. He now thinks his exemption last year was owing to the constant use of Borax, which he has not been able to get latterly-- do Dear Emmie ask **Gonzie** if You think it wont trouble him much to try and get me a pound, to come up with You-- it is quite provoking that he cannot go out, to direct his farm work which is suffering from want of direction-- such a pretty crop of corn too which we expected so much comfort from next winter, however it is almost “laid by”-- I have heard from William. he had promptly attended to several commissions for Me and I think is turning out quite a business Man. I have just written to ask him to get a bag of flour for Mamma and one for Me, which will do until the new wheat crop comes in-- tell Mamma if She has any specie She can probably get what She wants up here. Nothing is *offered us* not a pound of butter or any poultry. I heard yesterday Mrs Meminger had bought a wagon load of the latter Spring chickens ducks & geese at 1.25 a peice [*sic*]. Our allowance of butter is a little pat for breakfast churned every morning-- but we all have splendid appetites and enjoy every thing-- if You can You had better bring up some butter to begin with. When it is sold here the price is 1.00-- but enough of war time prices. I have at last received the hats etc, and my dress which I wore to Church this morning, feeling more respectable than in a badly dyed Merino. Thank You and Miss Bonner for it. She seems a most reasonable person, charging no more for her work than formerly, while the

people here and elsewhere triple their charges. We have had a very rainy week making everything grow, weeds especially. Dahlias are blooming and raspberries very plentiful.

We are once more most anxious for news from our armies. how I dread Lee's advance proving a failure. he surely must extricate himself but with what dreadful havoc to our poor Men. Johnston seems too weak to venture anything as Yet. Pemberton will make a glorious name for himself if he holds out. You have heard of poor Robb Barnwell's death & insanity. he was taken to the Asylum at Staunton by his own request.<sup>150</sup> We hear he made several attempts to destroy himself and at last his death was caused by throwing himself from a window-- his Wife (Mary Singleton) is very ill in Richmond. She has three children. Annie Stuart is feeling and looking badly they say (I have not seen her for many weeks) and is quite depressed. poor Annie does not thrive on the war. Aunt L. is better. Dr. King has given her up. The rest of the family are cheerful. Excuse my long talk dear Emmie, and believe Me with constant love to each and all of You Your Affecte Mary

Do ask Mamma if She can spare me from Oaklawn (to be returned next fall when they certainly can be got) two covered vegetables dishes and 1/2 dozen tumblers. I am terribly deficient and cannot get a supply. Do try and get us a lb. of Ruta Baya Turnip seeds.

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Charleston, S.C., June 29th 1863

To Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Col. A. J. Gonzales, Chief of Artillery, announcing the promotion of Lts. Samuel J. Wilson & J. B. W. Phillips, Company B, Siege Train.

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<sup>150</sup> Mary Boykin Chesnut mentions the insanity and death of Robert Barnwell in her diary in 1863. C. Van Woodward, ed., *Mary Chesnut's Civil War*, 452-453.