To Maj. Gen. J. A. Rawlins
Chief of Staff of Gen. Grant

In reply to the letter from Gen. Grant, of which I have before you yesterday, I telegraphed as follows:

"The surveys you were ordered to make by me form part of the operations of which they go to make up the records of the Armies operating against Richmond under Gen. Grant. They were directed by me by his express orders and, though doubts have presented my personal presence,
"I have been and am under my control and not Col. Thom's.

You will receive my directions and make your reports and furnish your drawings to me.

J. H. Bernard

Br. May 7th 71

I am now (sic) on

Your most obh

J. H. Bernard

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John H. Bernard

Br. June 6th