

Headquarters Armies of the United States,

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Office of Chief Engineer ~~Armies in Virginia,~~

Wash^{on}

City Point, Va.,

May 14th

1865.

Brig Maj Gen, J. A. Rawlins
Chief of Staff ^{de}
General

In reply to
the letter from Brig Gen, P. A. Michie,
which I laid 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 recently
operating against Richmond
under Lieut Gen. Grant. They were
directed by me by his express
orders and, though duties have
prevented my personal presence,

" have been and are under
my control and not Col.
Thom's.

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

I. G. Barnard

Per my friend de 71

I am very Respectful
Yours most obedt

I. G. Barnard

Per my friend de

John G. Barnard,
Brig. Gen