Head-quarters 1st Corps Army of the Potomac, Manassas, Va. Sept 1st, 1861.

Captain,

Your report of this day has been received & the works therein referred to are approved, excepting the one at A1, which would be rather too much isolated. I would prefer occupying Triplet hill & North Pt immediately (the latter temporarily) until ship P. & E. Evans' fire can be fortified with enclosed batteries, to be armed as soon as practicable with 8 or 10 heavy guns each, to be called for at once.

The crest of Triplet hill ought to be enclosed as far as practicable with an Infantry entrenchment - & subsequently Powhatten hill must be occupied with an entrenched camp, for at least one Regt. All these works to be connected with each other here & after by a covered way where necessary & practicable. The suggested causeway shall also be constructed. Use the utmost caution in dispatch in constructing these works, without being discovered if practicable — for which
reason you are authorized to arrest temporarily all persons liable to give information to the Enemy.

A telegraphic operator will be sent you as soon as one can be found.

Capt Ray can remain with you for the present.

Col. Hampton will be directed to send a courier daily to any point Gen. Holmes may select, about half way between Bacon Race Church & Evansport—where a courier from the latter place will meet him.

I remain, In obedient servt.

[G. T. Beunesar]

Capt. W. W. Stevens

Corps of Eng. 7th

Evansport—7th
Ex 1st Corps S.P.
Manassa. Sept 1st, 1861.

Genl. Beau regs.

To

Capt. W. F. Stevens.

In regards to the construction of works upon the Potomac,

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