

Headquarters, Department of South Carolina,
CHARLESTON, S. C. March 7th 1866.

General;

I have the honor to transmit herewith sundry copies of newspapers in compliance with orders from Head Quarters, Armies of the United States dated 17th February, ultimo.

The tone of the "South Carolinian", as will be seen, is habitually disaffected and hostile to the United States Authorities. The article in the "Leader", although reprehensible, is exceptional. It is respectfully recommended that if the publication of the "South Carolinian", be stopped, the order should be final. A mere temporary suspension, so far from being a punishment, or a salutary example, has the tendency to increase the patronage of the journal among those disaffected people, and they are numerous, who seize with avidity any indirect and safe means of manifesting their hostility to the United States Authorities.

I respectfully recommend that an ad-

-motion be addressed to the "Leader", to the effect
that the further publication of that journal will
not be permitted, if the contemptuous and dis-
respectful expressions contained in its issue
of 24th Feby, ultimo, against the Executive, shall
be repeated in reference to any Department
of the Government.

I am General,
Very Respectfully
Spickler
Major Genl

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