

Adj Gen Columbia S.C.  
April 9/65

To His Excy Gov.

My Magrath  
Sir

Lieut. Ward arrived  
here this morning with a letter from  
W. M. Huntington dated Blackmings  
apl 6<sup>th</sup> '65, <sup>per you</sup> which I took the liberty to  
open in order to ascertain whether there  
was any truth in the information derived  
from parties late from Charleston that an  
expedition had started from that place  
for Georgetown S.C. composed of 5,000 negro  
infantry.

I telegraphed the news to Maj Gen  
Young at Augusta and Gen. Devereaux to  
Greenboro &c. I rec<sup>d</sup> a dispatch from  
Gen Young asking me to ascertain the reli-  
ability of the information as the confirmation  
of it would change the movement of troops  
under his Command & I have no doubt  
he will forward one Brigade over at once.

The dispatch from Ordnance Office  
was opened by me & forwarded to  
Camden in relation to furnishing  
you arms -

Very Resp<sup>ly</sup> Your obt<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
A. R. Underwood  
Comdr



See Butler  
Candy at Columbia