

Sumterville April 11. 1862

3 o'clock P.M.

Governor:

The rear guard of the enemy left this place about 10 o'clock this morning going on the Cain Savannah Road which runs out parallel with the line of the Wilmington & M Road West. From this Road the enemy has turned down and will probably sweep the country between Pocotaligo and the Santee down to Nelson's Ferry where a Gun Boat has been since the movement began at Georgetown. Gen. Potter is in command and has a force consisting of seven (7) Regts (three of Whites and 4 of blacks) numbering from 23 to 28 hundred men - His Cavalry force is not large probably not more than 2 or three hundred.

Nothing was destroyed in this place but the Jail and R.R. Buildings

and the people in most cases were treated kindly very little private property having been taken and I have heard of but one case of personal violence - That occurred in the household of M^r. R. R. Bee of Charleston - He was brutally murdered in the presence of his family by a drunken negro soldier, and his daughter (M^{rs}. D^r. Sebbey) received some violence. - This conduct of the negro ~~was~~ attributed to drunkenness caused by some wine, which M^r. B had in his house.

Nearly all the negroes were taken off the number from this place being estimated at two thousand. - All Mills and Gin Houses in this neighbourhood ~~of the place~~ and on the line of the enemy's march destroyed. This expedition seems to have been gotten up for stealing negroes and Mules and the destruction of Mills. - The enemy did not extend his operations above this place.

Our casualties were not as great as I
was led to believe soon after the fight.

Lts. McQueen and Pampers (one of whom
was on furlough and the other reporting to the
Hospital), ^{Confederate officers} who commanded the artillery were
killed and two or three privates of the Militia

The number of prisoners - small. The enemy
published a paper here in which he
acknowledged a loss of twenty five or
thirty killed and wounded. The fight was
therefore a small affair - the artillery at
the main point of attack not having been
sufficiently supported.

Col. Caldwell of the Kentucky Regt of Cavalry
is following the enemy but his force is so
small that he will accomplish but little.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Yrs
W. P. Shingles

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His Excellency
Gov. A. G. Magrath

Communication
from Col. W. P. Taylor
in relation to move-
ments of the enemy in
Sumter.

Office

To His Excellency

Gov. A. G. Magrath.

Care of

Charleston

Chas. Heyward
It will please
you to forward

