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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 A, which would be rather too much isolated - I would prefer occupying Triplet hill & North Pt immediately (the latter temporarily) until ship P. & Evans pine thicket, can be fortified with enclosed batteries, to be armed as soon as practicable with 8 or ten 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 épaulement - & subsequently Powhattan hill must be occupied with an entrenched camp, for at least one Regt. All these works to be connected with each other hereafter by a covered way where necessary & practicable. The suggested causeway should also be constructed - Use the utmost caution & despatch 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 Lay can remain with you for the present

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

I remain, Sir, obdt servt.

G. T. Bequith
Gtn. Comd'g

Capt W. H. Stevens.
Corps of Eng^{rs}.
Evansport - Va

Approved
J. E. Johnston
General

Hd Qrs 1st Corps. A.P.
Manassas. Sept 1st 1861.

Genl Beauregard.
to L.S.
Capt. W.H. Stevens.

In regard to the constr-
uction of works upon the
Potomac,

(1 enclosure)

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