
VICKSBURG, *May 6, 1863.*

Col. R. V. RICHARDSON, *Brookhaven:*

Come to Edwards Depot with all force you have. Tell Wirt Adams to come also, if you can find him.

J. C. PEMBERTON.

VICKSBURG, *May 9, 1863.*

Col. R. V. RICHARDSON, *Edwards Depot:*

Report to General Bowen. Send me a return of your effective strength. Remain where you are until further orders from General Bowen or myself. Stop all the cavalry which comes, and report their arrival.

J. C. PEMBERTON.

VICKSBURG, *May* 10, 1863.

General JOHN S. BOWEN, *Bovina*:

The lieutenant-general commanding says that he is sending troops to Raymond from Jackson; that you will operate against enemy, to capture or repel, as opportunity offers, and that you will only employ cavalry with you in scouting parties until you hear from him.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. C. PEMBERTON.

VICKSBURG, *May* 10, 1863.

General GREGG, *Jackson* :

Move your brigade promptly to Raymond, taking three days' rations, and carrying only cooking utensils and ammunition; no baggage. Let no one get ahead of you, or through your lines to the enemy, or know of your movements. Use Wirt Adams' cavalry at Raymond for advanced pickets.

J. C. PEMBERTON.

VICKSBURG, *May 10, 1863.*

Col. WIRT ADAMS, *Jackson :*

Proceed at once to Edwards Depot, and take command of all the cavalry there and at Raymond, for operation against the enemy. Report to me your arrival there. Your command will remain at Raymond.

J. C. PEMBERTON.

EDWARDS, *May 11, 1863.*

General PEMBERTON :

Just arrived. Coming by Raymond. Enemy in force this morning 6 miles above Utica, moving toward Auburn. Raymond being entirely uncovered by moving my six companies to this point by General Bowen's order, I have sent back one squadron to guard approaches until General Gregg arrives. Skirmishing this morning 6 miles from Edwards, on Port Gibson road.

WIRT ADAMS,
Colonel, Commanding Cavalry.

VICKSBURG, *May* 11, 1863.

Col. WIRT ADAMS, *Jackson* :

Take command of all cavalry at Edwards Depot, and operate on the lines of the enemy on Big Black. Endeavor to cut his communications, &c., covering both Edwards Depot and Raymond, and keeping the commanding officers there informed of all movements.

J. C. PEMBERTON.

FOURTEEN-MILE CREEK,
Via Edwards Depot, May 12, 1863—11 a. m.

Lieutenant-General PEMBERTON:

My commission is dated 15th October, 1861. The cavalry force has about 800. Have just driven back the enemy near Dillon's, at crossing of Fourteen-Mile Creek.

WIRT ADAMS,
Colonel, Commanding.

BOLTON DEPOT, *May* 13, 1863.

Lieutenant-General PEMBERTON ·

After checking a column of the enemy yesterday, for 4 miles at Dillon's, I marched by General Gregg's order to Raymond, and fell in his rear. In withdrawing, marched from Mississippi Springs this morning at 3 a. m., and am now equidistant from Raymond to Clinton and Bolton, to protect the railroad. Colonel Thompson's command remains with General Gregg. The enemy encamped 1 mile east of Raymond. No movement yet reported.

WIRT ADAMS,
Colonel, Commanding Cavalry.
