WILMINGTON, *April 14, 1865—8.20 p. m.*

Major GRANT,
Northeast:

I cannot well spare your services up there. Telegraph Lieutenant Ferris at General Abbott's, and he will send up what you want. I wish you to reoccupy your old posts as soon as you can, without overtasking your men. I will have rations sent up for five days. How many men have you?

J. R. HAWLEY,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

STEAMER ARAGO, *Hilton Head, S. C., April 14, 1865.*

Major-General GILLMORE, U. S. Volunteers,
Commanding Department of the South:

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the 13th instant, in relation to the erection on the Roman Catholic cemetery in Savannah of a portion of fortifications around that city. For the reasons that the works are already finished, that all the bodies have been disinterred and deposited in other places to the necessary extent, and that they cannot be again restored to their former resting place at this season without danger to the health of the city, the recommendations in your report are approved by order of the Secretary of War. Please make known to the bishop of Savannah what your recommendations are, and furnish him with a copy of this letter.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 41.

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH,
U. S. Steamer Diamond, off Charleston Bar,
April 14, 1865.

Until further orders the headquarters of this department will be at Fort Sumter.

By command of Maj. Gen. Q. A. Gillmore:

W. L. M. BURGER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, April 15, 1865—12.10 p. m.
(Sent 1.10 p. m.)

Major-General SHERMAN,
Commanding:

President Lincoln was murdered about 10 o'clock last night in his private box at Ford's Theater in this city, by an assassin who shot him through the head with a pistol ball. About the same hour Mr. Seward's house was entered by another assassin, who stabbed the Secretary in several places, but it is thought he may possibly recover; but his son Frederick will probably die of wounds received from the assassin. The assassin of the President leaped from the box, brandishing a dagger, exclaiming, *Sic semper tyrannis!* and that now Virginia was revenged. Mr. Lincoln fell senseless from his seat, and continued in

that state until twenty-two minutes after 7 o'clock, at which time he breathed his last. General Grant was published to be at the theater, but fortunately did not go. Vice-President Johnson now becomes President, and will take the oath of office and assume the duties to-day. I have no time to add more than to say that I find evidence that an assassin is also on your track, and I beseech you to be more heedful than Mr. Lincoln was of such knowledge.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865.*

Major-General SHERMAN:

It has been stated that when an assassin was chosen to kill Mr. Seward one also was sworn to murder you. His name was said to be Clark. He is about five feet nine inches high, rather slender, high cheek bones, low forehead, eyes dark and sunken, very quiet, seldom or never speaks in company unless spoken to, has a large dark-brown mustache and large long goatee, hair much darker than whiskers, complexion rather sallow; while in Paris, March 12, wore dark-gray clothes, a wide-awake slouched hat. He is a Texan by birth, and has a very determined look. He had a confederate, whose name was Johnson, but no description of him is given.

H. W. HALLECK,
Major-General and Chief of Staff.

HDQRS. MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Raleigh, April 15, 1865—9.30 a. m.

General EASTON:

Send this by a fleet steamer to Old Point Comfort; from there must go by telegraph.

W. T. SHERMAN.

HDQRS. MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Raleigh, N. C., April 15, 1865.

General U. S. GRANT and SECRETARY OF WAR:
(Care of General Easton, New Berne or Morehead.)

I send copies of a correspondence begun with General Johnston, which, I think, will be followed by terms of capitulation.* I will accept the same terms as General Grant gave General Lee, and be careful not to complicate any points of civil policy. If any cavalry have started toward me caution them that they must be prepared to find our work done. It is now raining in torrents, and I shall await General Johnston's reply here, and will propose to meet him in person at Chapel Hill. I have invited Governor Vance to return to Raleigh with the civil officers of his State. I have met ex-Governor Graham, Mr. Badger, Moore, Holden, and others, all of whom agree that the war is over, and that the States of the South must resume their allegiance, subject to the Constitution and laws of Congress, and that the military power of the South must submit to the national arms. This great fact once admitted, all the details are easy of arrangement.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major-General.

* See Johnston to Sherman and Sherman to Johnston, April 14, pp. 206, 207.