

Master Eddy Torr:

I see that Mr. Beauregard has telegraphed to somebody that the South must get rid of the carpet-baggers. I entirely agree with Mr. Beauregard. He is an agreeable man and I too always take pleasure in agreeing with him. I agreed with him in 1861 when he began proclaiming down at Charleston and had not the least doubt that South Carolina could whip the Yankees without a particle of help from the other Southern States. I agreed with him a little later when he ~~came~~ ^{came} to the conclusion that they would need all the help they could get, and I immediately sent him down no army down in law, who I allowed would be no use. I must use in that line as they had never developed any special talent in any other direction - I kept on agreeing with him after that up to 1865, when he concluded that the job we had undertaken was a little bigger than we had any visible means of putting thru.

—Mister Beursgard was at my house
 about that time and I had an
 opportunity in known presence,
 what it was that changed his mind
 and I must say that I have al-
 ways concurred in the correct-
 ness of his conclusion.

You see he had made a
 breast-work right in front of my
 house and finished it off in fine
 style - It was a fine thing, I can give
 you leave to say without doubt -
 It took a heap of riding and squinting
 and hallooing afore they could make
 out where to put the thing - I forget
 what he called it right now, but it
 had a mighty fine name as it
 deserved. Then it took a heap power
 of musketry an' staking an' figurines
 afore they could lay it out and
 then they didn't get it round nor
 square - But a whole regiment

of men come and went to work
 on it, right as wrong. They dug
 some big ditches all round the out-
 side and piled up the dirt inside,
 and then went and cut down all
 my timber felling the tops out and
 sharpening the points of the limbs, ma-
 king acres and acres of brush fence
 all round it - Finally, the general
 come out one day to inspect it
 and I took my stick and went
 down to see what he would say.
 He looked it all over and said it
 was all right, and that he would
 have the guns put in it at once
 as he did - He said that when
 the Quakers came down the
 road to take the town that would
 stop 'em as long as Quinter kept
 'em out in Charleston. And I
 quite agreed with him then and was
 anxious enough to see the Quakers
 try it on - And its my notion

now that they'd never have got
 by it if they had come down
 the road as we expected - but
 instead of that they came up
 the road and marched right
 into the town on the side where
 there was not any fort to speak of -

I said General Beauregard a few
 days afterward and he ~~and~~ ^{looked} ~~to~~ ~~was~~
 mightily cut down, and said he
 was awfully disappointed; and on
 that occasion I had the pleasure to
 appear with him again - He said
 he had given up his pay roll to the
 Yankees and advised me to do the same.
 He hadn't been gone many minutes
 afore the blue coated fellows come. They
 was the the first Carpet-buggers I had seen.
 I told them I had not got no pay-roll
 but how, they was not particular at
 all. They just took everything they

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