

Picket Guard Station, Mouth of old Bayou, New Orleans, La.
 1862
 Sunday Evening May 18th

To Capt. Chas. C. G. Thornton
 Commander of Out Posts at the Terminus of the Lake
 Ponchartrain Rail Road, and Mouth of old Bayou, New Orleans, La -
 Respected Sir.

Having received information that induced me
 to believe that the Office of the Bayou Company at this place contained
 property that should be taken possession of in the name of the United States,
 I searched that Office this evening, and took therefrom one - so called "Con-
 federate State Flag" - one large, unfinished, Flag - evidently intended for another
 of the same stripe; one U.S. Flag with 13 stars and anchor in the Blue; one
 Union Jack with 13 stars, and anchor; one Pennant Flag with the name "Ariel"
 upon it; also one Springfield Rifle Musket - Maynard Primer; stamped
 U.S. Springfield, 1859.

I have also to inform you that as I have
 reason to believe the schooner "Florida of Mobile" (name painted over but dis-
 cernable) that has been laying here, flying the French Flag since we came,
 has in time passed, acted as a Privateer, or Gun Boat in the service of
 the so called "Confederate States", I took possession of her this evening, when
 no flag was raised over her, have locked her cabin, and stationed a
 guard upon her deck. I think proper Sir, to arrest the Agent
 of the Bayou Company at this place, and shall do so tomorrow
 morning if I receive no order to the contrary from you in the mean
 time.

Very respectfully
 Your Obt. Servant
 Horatio Height
 2nd Lieut. C. C. G. Thornton
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Date: May 18, 1862
Description: 2nd Lt. Horatio Height wrote to Capt. Charles C. G. Thornton
to report on items he seized from the office of the Bayou Company.