Department of Navy Marine
28th. Sept., 1862

To
Major W. J. Mills
Galveston,

Sir: Your communication of 25th. Sept. has been received, and that of 26th. to His Excellency the President, referred to the Department.

I have to inform you that Col. Geo. W. Deckly has been appointed Acting Col. of Ordnance, and has been ordered to the Command of Post Galveston, with instructions to place the Island in the best state of defence possible, with the means at his command. For this purpose his Requisition for Ordnance and Ordnance Stores has been made upon the Department, and filled prior to the receipt of your communication. Col. D. goes down on the Boat to-day, with Mr Brasfield's Engineers, with such quantity of ammunition as the Arsenal at this place can safely — He will relieve you of the duty with which you are charged.

The requisition you allude to from the Galveston Artillery Company, can not now be filled, as there are but Mr Spicer — "the sixties" — now on hand, and they may be required by the Commander of the forces in the west.

I regret your indisposition, hope you may be able soon to give your assistance — which I