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Major General.

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## HEAD QUARTERS,

73th Army Corps, April 21st 1863.

Maj Genl W. S. Grant  
Comd'g Dept of the Term.

Sir.

Brig Genl Smith will send you two men - Mr Hall, a citizen of Minnesota and Mr Deland an overseer from Texas Parish. Mr. Hall claims to have been pressed into the rebel army, and served a short time at Vicksburg, and to be now on his way home. They bring but little information of importance, except that from Perkins' plantation, six miles south of New Centerville there is a good dry route, along the river bank to a point opposite Natchez. The route lies through a rich and highly cultivated country.

A report which he brings, that the enemy intend making a demonstration against New Orleans, may or may not be worthy of attention. It is more than two months, since he heard it from his Comd'g Officer.

John A. McComand  
Maj Genl Commanding.