

"St. Louis, Mo

"Enclosed I send you plans and estimates of the work proposed opposite this place and at Birds Point. A party has been on the Kentucky shore most of the day making preliminary arrangements for prosecuting the work with larger details hereafter. The labor of clearing will have to be done by the troops exclusively, and probably a great portion of the digging.

"All information today has been telegraphed fully. I am now nearly ready for Paducah (should not telegram arrive preventing the movement) on the strength of the information telegraphed.

"On the subject of fortifications I scarcely feel myself sufficiently conversant to make recommendations, but it appears to me that the fortifications here need much more labor expended upon them, and provided with heavier armament, before labor is expended on the opposite shore.

"The works ordered by you will be prosecuted however with all the force available for that service.

(Sgd) W. S. Grant

"Brig. Gen."

On the night of the 5th, at half past ten o'clock, I, with the 9th and 12th Regiments