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HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF WEST MISSISSIPPI,

Office Chief of Artillery and Ordnance,
New Orleans, La., February 26th, 1865.

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2d. The list mentioned in the foregoing regulation will be made in triplicate; one to be kept on board the vessel by the Master thereof, another in the hands of the Ordnance Officer in charge of the supplies, and the third sent to the Chief of Artillery and Ordnance, Military Division of West Mississippi.

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4th. Sentinels will be constantly kept over the cook fires in the galleys, and these fires will be regularly extinguished at sun-down each day, and remain so until daylight the following morning.

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7th. No persons, except officers on duty connected with the supplies, the non-commissioned officers and privates of the guard, when on duty, and the Master of the vessel will be allowed to enter the holds of the vessel where the ordnance supplies are stored: unless some accident to the ship, or other imperative necessity requires their presence, members of the crew will not be permitted to enter the holds of the vessels under any circumstances; and always where it becomes necessary for members of the crew to enter the holds, a non-commissioned officer of the guard will invariably accompany them, and remain with them while there.

By Order of Major General E. R. S. Canby:

JAS. TOTTEN
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