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## Gen. Joseph E. Johnston to Kinloch Falconer (20 June 1874)

Joseph E. Johnston

Kinloch Falconer

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Savannah,

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1874

Col: Kirklock Falconer

Many thanks

My dear Mayor, For your very  
satisfactory letter of the 16<sup>th</sup>,  
just received.

In regard to the  
question whether it would be  
well for you to publish the  
article you have prepared, or  
better that I shall incorporate  
the substance of that article  
in what I am writing for  
publication, — As you seem to pre-  
fer the latter course, I have  
telegraphed

tion is published because, Polk & Hardee being dead,  
He thinks that I have no witness - forgetting that  
Mackall was always present <sup>at</sup> those meetings.

At our first meeting of the kind near New Hope  
Church, on the morning of May 26<sup>th</sup>, Gen<sup>l</sup> Hood im-  
mediately and with great earnestness, urged the  
necessity of abandoning the ground that night - On  
this ground that the enemy were no doubt construct-  
ing batteries under cover of the woods, which would be  
uncovered by cutting down the woods during the night,  
so that 200 guns would open upon us next morn-  
ing - And sweep our men from their places. This



telegraphed to ask you to send me such a letter for evidence, as you suggest. I telegraphed, because somewhat pressed for time.

I should have preferred to see your testimony, so important to me, in print over your own signature. I prefer, however, the course you think best.

In Hood's last publication there is an absolute Münchhausen. He says that at a meeting of the Legislature at night, in my quarters near New Hope Church, I proposed the abandonment of the position and retreat to Macou. This inven-  
tion

Proposition was, of course, put  
aside. And for several days fol-  
lowing, Hardee ridiculed it un-  
mercifully at these meetings.

With cordial remembrances  
to your Mother, I am

Yours very truly

J. E. Johnston

Give my regards to Mr Wat-  
son and Genl. Featherston

Did not Genl. Hood make  
a report of his Campaign  
to Genl. Beauregard before be-  
ing relieved from Command?