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Monterey Redoubt Feb 22nd 1853

Sir

Fifteen of the gun carriages at this Depot have been painted and all the olive paint is expended, I think it would be advisable to give all the carriages two coats, and therefore respectfully request that a sufficient quantity of olive paint may be sent me to complete painting the Battery, and to give the whole a second coat.

I could devise no means by which one man could thoroughly paint the carriages, and lacker the guns that were dismantled, and therefore as the cheapest and most expeditious method raisety the ten carriages with their guns mounted, on their chassis, and mounted the two guns, that were on the ground, and raised them on their chassis.

This I did with two men whom I employed for two days at \$3 each per day. Whole cost \$60. This I hope will not be regarded as an extravagant expenditure, when it is considered that all the pintle pins had to be filed down and a large extent of ground to be levelled off so that the chassis might not touch the ground at any point. The men were all green hands, and the ground extremely rough.

The carriages are now comparatively safe and Armorer Dunnoon can without assistance paint them thoroughly, and lacker and _____ out the guns.

I am very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

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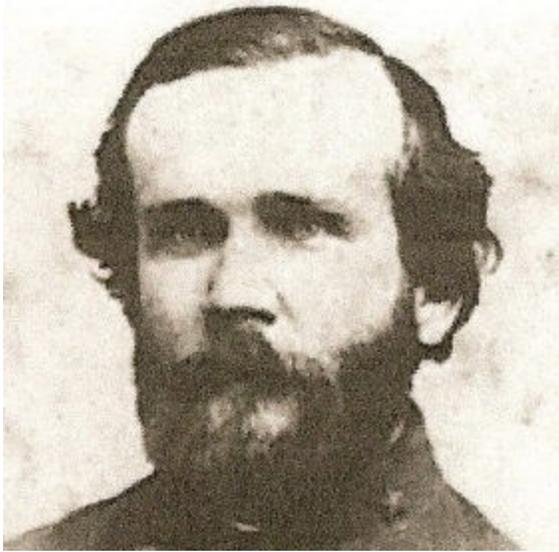
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A **pintle** is a pin or bolt, usually inserted into a **gudgeon**, which is used as part of a pivot or hinge. A pintle mount is a fixed mount that allows the gun to be freely traversed and/or elevated while keeping the gun in one fixed position: typically the mounting is either a rod on the underside of the gun (a pintle rod) that mates with a socket, or an intermediary gun cradle that mounts to the sides of the weapon's barrel or receiver.

-----Biography -----



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