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Quest. What were your reasons for wishing the main
battery not to be brought into battery, but to be posted upon
your right under the hills? Answer. I have already stated
that I thought the twelve pounders too light to operate
with effect against the enemy; & I wished them to be placed
in the rear, in order that they might prevent the enemy
from landing, if they attempted it & from annoying the
battery in the rear.

Quest. Did you not also give an opinion that you
had no confidence in the 36th regiment? Answer. I was
not at that time personally acquainted with the 36th regi-
ment; but I had received a bad account from others of
their discipline & order, & therefore felt some distrust of that
regiment. I probably expected it. But I have no particu-
lar recollection of the conduct of Capt Miller alluded to.

Quest. Is it not usual in the field of action for detachments
corps, & even large divisions to change their positions as often
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...in the management of one corps, any example
for other corps, who are not ordered, to move? Answer.
That the position of troops must change according to cir-
cumstances every military man must be sensible of, but
where a change of position by one corps is liable to be un-
dermined by other corps, it is proper that the latter should be
informed of it, altho' it is not always practicable to do
it; but the movement of one corps is no reason why an-
other corps should change its position without orders
except in case of evident necessity.

Quest. Had the bags attempted a landing upon the
right of the battery, would not the right of the wheat
field upon the low ground have been an advantageous
position for artillery with grape & canister? Answer. It
would not have been a bad position; but I think the
position where I had posted Capt Harrison was a better
& more commanding one.

Quest. What was the distance from your battery to the
left flank of the battalion of the 30th? Answer. About
two hundred & fifty or three hundred yards after I had
posted them.

Quest. Upon these not unusual kinds of terrain powder of