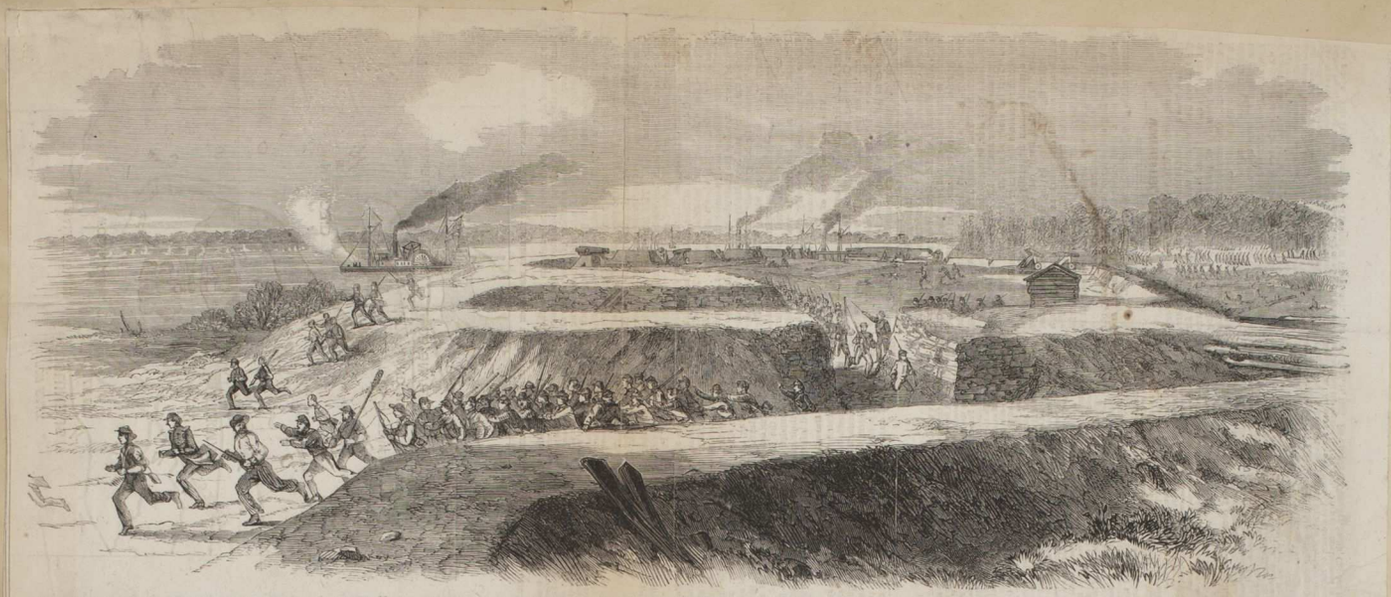

THE WAR IN NORTH CAROLINA—BOMBARDMENT AND CAPTURE OF FORT THOMPSON, 13 GUNS, NEAR NEWBERNE, ON THE NEUSE RIVER, BY THE NATIONAL GUNBOATS OF GEN. BURNSIDE'S EXPEDITION, COMMANDED BY COM. S. C. ROWAN, U.S.N., MARCH 14.—SKETCHED BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, MR. SCHELL.—PAGE 321.

FORT CLINCH, AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA.

IN our last number we gave an interesting sketch of Fernandina, the principal town of Amelia Island, and its surroundings. We continue Mr. Crane's sketches, and publish an outside and inside view of Fort Clinch, the most important of the defenses of Fernandina. Fort Clinch is situated on the northern part of Amelia Island, and is considered one of the best built of all the Southern strongholds. The cowardice of the rebels in abandoning all their Florida defenses without firing a shot, proves that, if not physical and impassible man, Com. Dupont, who says in his report to the Secretary of the Navy:

"I visited the town, Fort Clinch, and the earthworks on the sea face of the island. The fort is a very formidable work, and the earthworks on the sea face are defenses without being surpassed that they should have been voluntarily abandoned by a people who have shown such ingenuity and resources as art can make them. Six are well concealed and protected by a thick growth of the palmetto tree, which, though cut down and used as stockwall and thoroughly covered by the natural growth and by the varied contours of the land, that to strike them from the water would be a matter of great difficulty, even if the guns were larger, and affording therefore a better mark, is equally well sheltered and protected. The fort, which is well built of brick, and well adapted to the purpose for which it was designed, commands all the turnings of the main ship channel, and rake an approaching enemy. Besides there was another battery of four guns pointed on the south end of Cumberland Island, the site of which is marked by a few bricks. It was so placed as to command all the indirectnesses of the channel and from the shoulders of the bar would time exposed to its under great disadvantage; and when the ships of a well-constructed and naturally masked battery, at the turns, which Lee pronounced the place perfectly defensible. We are not surprised at this, if true. We entered Fort Royal but Fernandina and Fort Clinch were in our hands.

THE WAR IN NORTH CAROLINA—REBELS IN AMBUSH FIRING ON A RECONNOITRERING EXPEDITION TO OTSIER CREEK, ROANOKE ISLAND.—FROM A SKETCH BY THE OFFICER COMMANDING.—SEE PAGE 321.

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ISLAND "NO. 10."

THE most important position now held by the rebels on the Mississippi river is "Island No. 10," and the high bluffs overlooking it on the Kentucky shore. The island and bluffs are fortified, and it is the key of the rebel line, which strongly fortified them as a part of the line of river defences, of which Columbus was the northern and New Madrid the lower bulwarks. When the evacuation of Columbus was announced, we stated that the rebels would be compelled to to New Madrid. Those at the latter place were some time ago dislodged by Gen. Pope, who turned the guns of the work at that point to prevent

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AT HARPER'S FERRY.—J. D. Woodward.

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