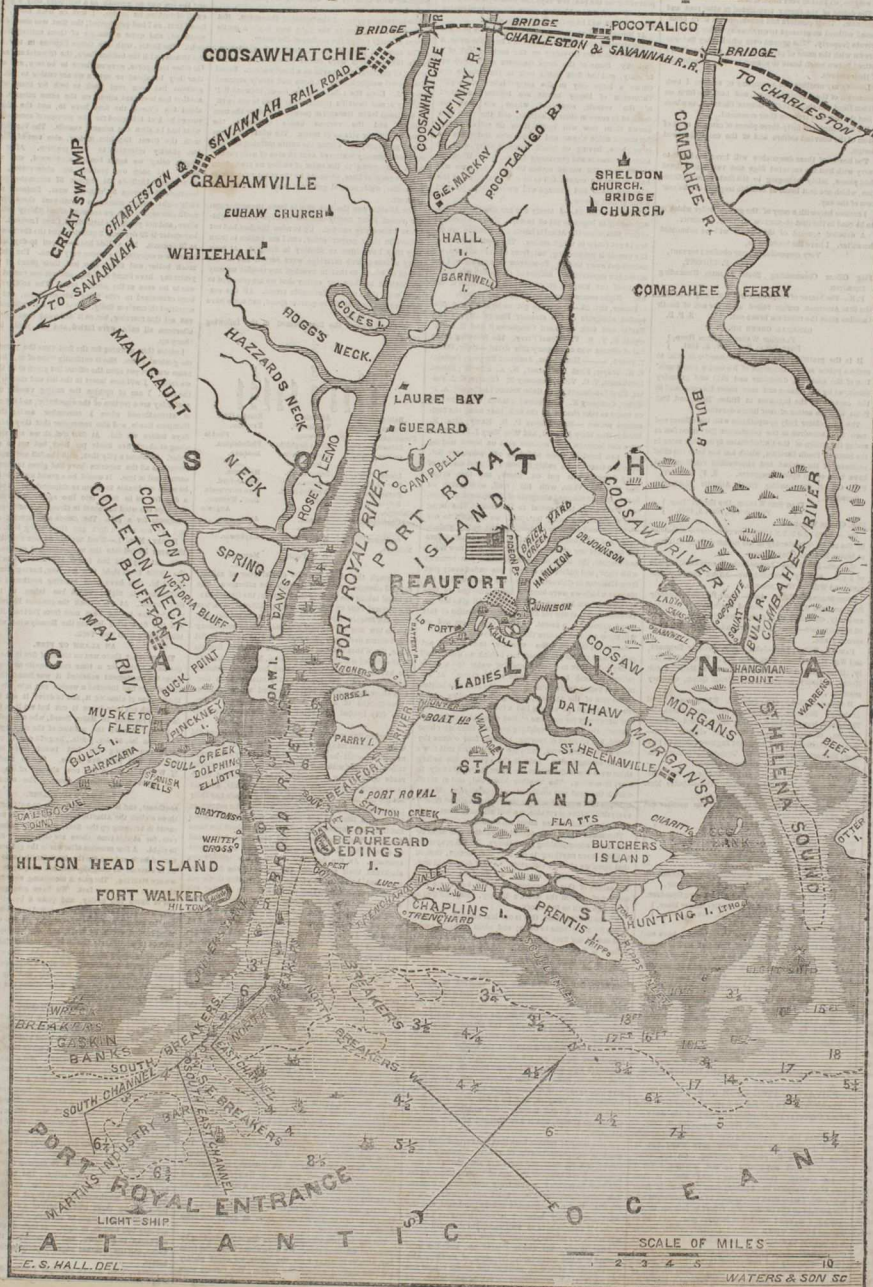


OUR BRILLIANT NAVAL VICTORY.

Sketch of Beaufort, Port Royal and Forts Beauregard and Walker—
Scene of the Operations of Our Great Expedition.



ISLAND NUMBER TEN



This island is situated in the corner of that bend of the Mississippi river which touches the border of Tennessee, a few miles farther up the river than New Madrid, although nearly southwest of that point. It is located about two hundred and forty miles from St. Louis, and nine hundred and fifty miles from New Orleans. The elevation of the river at this point is about two hundred feet above the level of the delta, or its mouth. The average depth of the water at this point is from ninety to one hundred and twenty feet, and the breadth of the stream, from main land to main land, about nine hundred yards. The current runs by the island at a moderately fast rate, and with the power of the three rivers—Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio—combined. The island is near the southern, or what might be termed the eastern, bank of the river, but that, at this point, the stream varies from its southern and course, turns abruptly to the northwest, leaving this island in the southern angle of the bend. It is about forty-five miles, by the course of the river, south of Columbus, and about twenty-six miles from Hickman. It is near Obionville.

The Rebel force at this island is about 25000. All the heavy Columbus ordnance, numbering about sixty guns, has been mounted on the island, and the Rebels are prepared to make a desperate stand. The chief fortification is a battery also, on the Kentucky side of the river. All of the Rebel transports are lying at the foot of the island. Their river force consists of five gun-boats and a floating battery.

New Madrid, eighty-six miles below Cairo, the right bank of this position, which has lately been occupied by our forces, is ten miles distant from this island. We hope soon to chronicle the reduction and capture of this important Rebel position, which will make our descent to Memphis comparatively easy.

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Ground Plan of the Battle of Dranesville.

[SEE EIGHTH PAGE.]

EDITOR PAPER:—Dear Sir, All the sketches I have seen published of the Dranesville fight are so exceedingly incorrect, that I thought it might not be amiss to send you one which, I believe, is generally approved by those who were on the ground. Having prepared a draft of the same ground during a former reconnaissance, which was approved by our colonel, my hasty sketch may be pretty correct.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. J. PEARCE.