

Ocracoke Inlet
July 23^d 1861

Dear Sir -

Enclosed is a copy of a report which I have just made to Genl. Walter Gwynne Commanding the Southern Department of the Coast Defences, in reference to the Drill Officer at Fort Ocracoke.

Pardon me for expressing the opinion, that an efficient commander should be sent forthwith to that fort. It has been assigned I learn to Lieut. Patrick Murphy (C. S. Navy) who is now absent. The latter while here was drunk a large part of his time & on one occasion is said to have had "delirium tremens". Dr Edward Warren can vouch for all this, as he quartered upon him.

The service here has been cursed with such men as these, & if the enemy should make a well executed attack on us, we should suffer the consequences.

His Excellency
Henry C. Clark, Genl.

Very Sincerely
Yours Obedt. Servt.
J. Sparrow

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Letter to Gov. Clute

July 2nd '61
