

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, December 3, 1862.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 98. }

Colonel WILLIAM M. WADLEY, Assistant Adjutant General, is hereby specially assigned to take supervision and control of the transportation for the government on all the rail roads in the Confederate States.

1. He is empowered to make contracts for transportation with said rail roads, or any of them, and such negotiation and arrangements with them as may be requisite or proper to secure efficiency, harmony and co-operation on the part of said rail roads, or any proper number of them, in carrying on the transportation of the government.

2. He will take direction of all agents or employees engaged by the government in connection with rail road transportation; will retain, engage or dismiss such as may be requisite, and take charge of and employ all engines, machinery, tools or other property of the government owned or used for rail road transportation; and may exchange, sell or loan such machinery with or to any rail road company, to facilitate the work of transportation; and may generally assist and co-operate with the rail roads in effecting the work of transportation.

3. The better to accomplish such ends, he may require co-operation and assistance to such an extent as can be reasonably granted by the Quartermaster and Commissary Bureaux; and may apply for details from the army, of such artisans, mechanics and workmen as may be necessary to facilitate the due accomplishment of his duties.

4. He will report, through the Adjutant and Inspector General, to the Secretary of War.

By order.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*