General

I wish you would send a part of your cavalry through to the turnpike east of the swamp. If the path is blocked by fallen trees, have the most lower road that passes to the east of the swamp. Reconnoiter the movements of your main force be

in case you find a body of the enemy in your reach, and small enough for you. Strike him quickly. The success in such a case will in a great measure depend upon the alacrity with which you move and act.

Have the country well watched by your cavalry and always that the cavalry parties are provided with telegraph wires, to stretch across roads against the enemy cavalry. Report progress and the positions of your forces once a day.

Let the cavalry parties give out the impression that Hoke's Division is moving around to Suffolk. I mean the parties that go east of the swamp. If you send the path through the swamp is not checked.
with full trees it will be best not to pass it till you hear from me again.

Send select parties as near to Asafah to sound as they can go. But they must be parties who can be depended upon for vigilance and intelligence.

remain very respectfully yours

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Ernst Strehminger
Commander