



GENERAL BUTLER'S ARMY, SOUTH OF THE JAMES.—TROOPS IN POSITION AWAITING AN ATTACK PREVIOUS TO THE ARRIVAL OF GRANT'S ARMY, JUNE 3, 1864.

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General Butler, who usually was not lacking in energy, made the great mistake of his life on this occasion, when, instead of awaiting attack, he should have pushed forward with all his forces to seize the defences of Petersburg. Had he done so the campaign might have been very greatly shortened.