

MONTANA INDIAN WAR CLAIMS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

RELATIVE TO

*The Montana Indian war claims of 1867.*

JANUARY 31, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be Printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 28, 1873.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to submit to the House of Representatives certain additional papers pertaining to the investigation directed by Congress in section 10 of the act of July 15, 1870, to the Montana Indian war claims of 1867. These papers are submitted for file and consideration with other papers in the case heretofore transmitted to Congress, on the 4th of February, 1871, March 15th, 1872, and the 21st May, 1872.

WM. W. BELKNAP,  
*Secretary of War.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 28, 1873.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit to you, with reference to their transmission to the House of Representatives, certain claims pertaining to the Montana Indian war claims of 1867, which were reported last session of Congress by me as not having been presented for new consideration since the destruction of the papers in these claims in the Chicago fire of October 9, 1871, as follows:

1. John H. Ming, for stationery, September 30, 1867 .....	\$100 50
2. John H. Ming, for stationery, May 12, 1867 .....	119 38
3. John H. Ming, for stationery, September 23, 1867 .....	662 55
4. John H. Ming, for stationery, September 12, 1867 .....	63 00
5. John H. Ming, for stationery, October 5, 1867 .....	78 00
6. John H. Ming, for quartermaster stores, August 5, 1867 .....	200 00
7. John H. Ming, for quartermaster stores, September 1, 1867 .....	200 00
8. Medrick Prévost, for clerical services in quartermaster's department ...	105 00
9. H. Siegel & Co., for clothing, furnished August 15, 1867 .....	608 00
10. A. Hananer, for forage, furnished June 8, 1867 .....	560 00
11. W. F. Sanders, for rent of buildings .....	1, 125 00
12. Frank Cleaveland, for commissary supplies, September 1, 1867 .....	666 00
13. Frank Cleaveland, for commissary supplies, July 1, 1867 .....	523 08

14. L. M. Black, for forage, September 1, 1867 .....	\$3,480 00
15. L. M. Black, for forage, June 4, 1867 .....	493 00
16. L. M. Black, for forage, June 1, 1867 .....	374 97
17. L. M. Black, for forage, June 4, 1867 .....	5,220 00
18. L. M. Black, for forage, August 31, 1867 .....	6,499 50
19. L. M. Black, for forage, June 4, 1867 .....	507 50
20. L. M. Black, assignee of W. W. Watkins, for forage, August 1, 1867 .....	1,000 50
21. L. M. Black, assignee of W. W. Watkins, for forage, August 1, 1867 .....	2,093 57
22. Hugh Kirkendall, for service of teams .....	11,700 00
23. W. E. Gibson, for services as teamster .....	375 00
24. Charles R. Stuart, for horses and mules, July 11, 1867 .....	1,600 00
25. W. S. Scribner, for supplies, June 19, 1867 .....	6,567 10
26. J. W. Alley, agent, for quartermaster stores, June 18, 1867 .....	408 00
27. J. M. Castner for rent of buildings, September 30, 1867 .....	1,025 00
28. Daniel Henry, for subsistence stores, July 13, 1867 .....	1,836 33
29. Edward O'Connell, for one horse .....	200 00
30. A. J. and E. W. Lindsay, assignees of Thomas J. Brawner, for services as teamster .....	47 50
31. Medrick Prévost, for clerical services in quartermaster's department .....	150 00
32. W. Z. Thompson, for services as teamster .....	60 00
33. J. P. Bruce, for one horse, July 1, 1867 .....	207 00
34. J. C. Irving, for clerical services, December 5, 1867 .....	600 00
35. John Brunette, for commissary supplies, September 20, 1867 .....	195 00
36. John Brunette, for supplies, May 30, 1867 .....	111 25
37. E. W. Carpenter, for supplies, September 20, 1867 .....	228 00
38. W. W. Watkins, for forage, September 1, 1867 .....	2,000 13
39. J. M. Gallaher, for ferriage .....	412 00
40. Edward Owen, for ordnance and quartermaster stores .....	2,834 40
41. F. R. Merk .....	
42. Couch and Drew .....	

These cases have all been acted upon by me, and the report of the examination in each case will be found indorsed thereon.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF WAR.

No. 1.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867.		
Sept. 30.	1 ream letter-paper, at \$25 per ream .....	\$25 00
	¼ ream foolscap, at \$25 per ream .....	12 50
	¼ ream legal cap, at \$25 per ream .....	12 50
	1 quart ink .....	7 50
	1 bottle carmine .....	2 50
	1½ dozen lead-pencils .....	4 00
	½ ream note-paper, at \$15 per ream .....	7 50
	1 box Government envelopes .....	3 00
	1 box small envelopes .....	6 00
	2 dozen blotting-pads, at \$2 per dozen .....	4 00
	4 gross steel pens, at \$3 per gross .....	12 00
	1 reference file .....	2 00
	6 bunches red tape .....	2 00
		100 50

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be, or have been, accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
*Colonel and Quartermaster-General*

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief*

Received at — the — of —, 1867, of —, quartermaster, United States Army, — dollars and — cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING.

[Indorsement.]

I report, after investigation, that the stationery specified in the within voucher was furnished as claimed; and that an allowance should be made at the same rates as were allowed on the vouchers of E. W. Tilton, for stationery.

An award should be made to the lawful owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1873.

No. 2.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867, May 12.	18 quires blank-book, at \$1.60 per quire .....	\$28 80
	100 envelopes .....	7 00
	250 envelopes, at \$2 per hundred .....	5 00
	1 ream letter-paper .....	24 00
	¼ ream foolscap paper .....	15 00
	2½ dozen pen-holders, at \$1.60 per dozen .....	4 00
	3 gross steel pens, at \$4.50 per gross .....	13 50
	1 ebony ruler .....	3 50
	1½ dozen lead-pencils, at \$4.50 per dozen .....	6 00
	1½ dozen bottles black ink, at \$6.50 per dozen .....	7 58
	1 account-book .....	5 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be, or have been, accounted for on my property return for the second quarter, ending on the 30th day of June, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at — the — of —, 1867, of —, quartermaster, United States Army, — dollars and — cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING.

[Indorsement.]

I report, after investigation, that the stationery specified in the within voucher was furnished as claimed; and that an allowance should be made at the same rates as were allowed on the vouchers of E. W. Tilton, for stationery.

An award should be made to the lawful owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1873.

No. 3.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867, Sept. 23.	2 reams note-paper, at \$15 .....	\$30 00
	4½ reams letter-paper, at \$20 .....	90 00
	2½ reams legal cap paper, at \$25 .....	62 50
	4 reams foolscap paper, at \$23 .....	92 00
	8 quires flat-cap paper, at \$1.50 .....	12 00

1867.			
Sept. 23.	13	blank-books, at \$8.....	\$104 00
	30	memorandum-books, \$2.55.....	76 50
	34	dozen blotting-pads, \$1.....	3 50
	8	dozen pencils, \$1.50.....	12 00
	17	inkstands, \$3.05.....	51 85
	6	gross steel pens, at \$3.50.....	21 00
	24	dozen pen-holders, at \$1.20.....	3 00
	2	rulers, at \$2.50.....	5 00
	2	ink-erasers, at \$2.50.....	5 00
	3	ruling-pens, at \$2.25.....	6 75
	2	bottles carmine, at \$2.....	4 00
	5	bottles mucilage, at \$2.....	10 00
	1	paper-cutter, at \$1.25.....	1 25
	750	Government envelopes, at 70 cents for 25.....	21 00
	500	small envelopes, at \$1 for 25.....	20 00
	13	bottles ink, at \$2.40 each.....	31 20
			662 55

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be (or have been) accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1869.

Approved:

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING,

[Indorsement.]

I report, after investigation, that the stationery specified in the within voucher was furnished as claimed, and that an allowance should be made at the same rates as were allowed on the vouchers of E. W. Tilton, for stationery.

An award should be made to the lawful owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1873.

No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867.			
Sept. 12.	1	box eyelets.....	\$3 00
	3	gross steel pens, at \$4.50 each.....	13 50
	1	large ruler.....	5 00
	1	penknife.....	6 50
	3	Oliver patent inkstands, at \$7.50.....	22 50
	4	dozen pen-holders, at \$2 per dozen.....	8 00
	2	fine lead-pencils, at 50 cents each.....	1 00
	1	bottle red ink.....	3 50
			63 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be (or have been) accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

Approved:

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING,

[Indorsement.]

I report, after investigation, that the stationery specified in the within vouchers was furnished as claimed, and that an allowance should be made at the same rates as were allowed on the vouchers of E. W. Tilton, for stationery.

An award should be made to the lawful owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1873.

No. 5.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867.

October 5. 1 patent inkstand .....	\$10 00
2 bottles red ink, at \$3.50 each .....	7 00
3 gross steel pens, at \$4.50 each .....	13 50
3 boxes paper-fasteners, at \$2.50 each .....	7 50
4 dozen bunches red tape, at \$1.50 per dozen .....	6 00
1 account-book .....	10 00
2 bottles mucilage, at \$2.50 each .....	5 00
2 bottles mucilage, at \$2.50 each .....	5 00
4 lead-pencils, at 25 cents each .....	1 00
1 large bottle ink .....	5 00
1 bottle red ink .....	3 50
1 gross steel pens .....	4 50
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	78 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be (or have been) accounted for on my property return for the fourth quarter, ending on the 31st day of December, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING.

[Indorsement.]

I report, after investigation, that the stationery specified in the within voucher was furnished as claimed, and that an allowance should be made at the same rates as were allowed in the vouchers of E. W. Tilton, for stationery.

An award should be made to the lawful owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, January 11, 1873.

No. 6.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867.

August 5. 1 saddle-horse .....	\$147 00
1 saddle .....	45 00
1 bridle .....	8 00
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	200 00
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## MONTANA INDIAN WAR CLAIMS.

I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles are to or have been accounted for on my property return for the third quarter ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

Approved :

H. CUMMING,  
Colonel and Quartermaster

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 187 \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING.

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned ascertained that the property had been furnished as stated, recommends that an allowance be made at the same reduced prices as were allowed in the case of Higgins, Travis & Bro., in a previous report, being the same as is allowed in other claims of this nature.

The award should be made to the lawful owner of the voucher.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 7.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to John H. Ming, Dr.*

1867.

September 1. 10 cords of pine wood, at the rate of \$20 per cord..... \$200 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles are to or have been accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

Approved :

H. CUMMING,  
Colonel and Quartermaster

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 187 \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. H. MING

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned reports that, on investigation, he found the property described on this voucher was furnished as claimed.

An allowance should therefore be made upon the amount specified, but upon the same basis as to price, as other and similar claims which have already been reported.

The award to be made to the lawful owner of the voucher.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 8.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to Medrick Prevost, Dr.*

1867.

August 31. Services rendered as clerk in the Quartermaster's Department from August 11 to August 31, both days included, being twenty-one days, at the rate of \$150 per month..... \$105 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and they were necessary for the public service; and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the month of August.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GEEEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

MEDRICK PRÉVOST.

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned has ascertained that the services were rendered as claimed. The claim should be allowed at the rate of \$125 per month, and the award made for Medrick Prévost.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 9.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to H. Siegel & Co., Dr.*

1867.		
Aug. 15.	20 pairs blankets, at \$10 each.....	\$200 00
	12 coats, at \$15 each.....	180 00
	12 pairs boots, at \$9 each.....	108 00
	24 shirts, at \$5 each.....	120 00
		608 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles are to be (or have been) accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 187-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

H. SIEGEL & CO.

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned was and is satisfied, from previous investigations, that the supplies were delivered as claimed by this voucher. An allowance should be made at the same prices as have been allowed upon claims for similar materials furnished, previously reported.

The award should be made to H. Siegel.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 10.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Abraham Hanauer, Dr.*

1867.		
June 8.	For 16,000 pounds of hay, at 3½ cents per pound.....	\$560

I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles are to be accounted for on my property return for the second quarter, ending on the 30th day of June, 1867.

H. CUMMING  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 187—, of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

ABRAHAM HANAUER

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

Upon investigation it appears that the property in question was never furnished, nor does it appear that any equivalent has been received.

The claim must be rejected.

JAS. A. HARDIE  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to W. F. Sanders, Dr.*

1867.

Dec. 15. For rent of building for commissary office, from May 1 to December 15, 1867, inclusive, (seven months and fifteen days,) at \$150 per month.. \$1,125

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated; and they were necessary for the public service; and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the months of May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December.

H. CUMMING  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

WILBUR F. SANDERSON

[Indorsement.]

Occupation of building for public uses ascertained to have been had for the period stated. A fair allowance of rent is believed to be \$100 per month.

The allowance of \$750 on this voucher is recommended.

JAS. A. HARDIE  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 12.

*The United States to Frank Cleaveland, Dr.*

1867.

Sept. 1. For 200 pounds of bacon, at 78 cents per pound ..... \$156  
For 600 pounds of sugar, at 85 cents per pound..... 510



I certify that the above account for \$666 is correct and just, and has not been paid by me for want of funds; that the articles were purchased at the lowest market price, and will be accounted for on my return of provisions for the month of September, 1867. The purchase was necessary for the following reasons: None on hand for issue.

J. J. HULL,  
Colonel and Commissary-General, Montana Volunteers.

Received at Virginia City, Montana Territory, this — day of —, 186—, from —  
—, — dollars and — cents, in full of the above account.

FRANK CLEAVELAND.

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

[Indorsement.]

It is respectfully reported in this case that no proof was brought forward, nor could I elicit any satisfactory evidence on the subject on the spot, of the delivery of the stores upon this voucher. The integrity of the voucher is not now questioned, but it must remain suspended until more satisfactory proof is produced.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 13.

*The United States to Frank Cleaveland, Dr.*

1867.  
July 1. For 5,812 pounds potatoes, at 9 cents per pound..... \$523 08

I certify that the above account for \$523.08 is correct and just, and has not been paid by me for want of funds; that the articles were purchased at the lowest market price, and will be accounted for on my return of provisions for the month of July, 1867. The purchase was necessary for the following reasons: None on hand for issue.

J. J. HULL,  
Colonel and Commissary-General, Montana Volunteers.

Received at Virginia City, Montana Territory, this — day of —, 186—, from  
—, — dollars and — cents, in full of the above account.

FRANK CLEAVELAND.

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

[Indorsement.]

It is respectfully reported in this case that no proof was brought forward, nor could I elicit any evidence upon the subject on the spot, of the delivery of the stores upon this voucher. The integrity of the voucher is not now questioned, but must remain suspended until more satisfactory proof is produced.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 14.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to L. M. Black, Dr.*

1867.  
Sept. 1. For 24,000 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound, as per contract  
dated June 1, 1867..... \$3,480

I certify that the above account is correct and just; and that the articles are to or have been, accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending 30th September, 1867.

H. CUMMING  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

L. M. BLACK

(Signed in duplicate.)

No. 15.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to L. M. Black, Dr.*

1867.

June 4. For 3,400 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound, as per contract dated June 1, 1867 .....

I certify that the above account is correct and just; and that the articles are to or have been, accounted for on my property return for the second quarter, ending the 30th June, 1867.

Quartermaster

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

L. M. BLACK

(Signed in duplicate.)

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, June 8, 1872

SIR: I have in my hands a voucher of the Montana Indian war claim, 1867. It belongs to the First M. E. Church of this city. I see by section 10 of act of July 19, 1870, that the subject was referred to the Secretary of War for report. I have been informed by Washington telegrams that the President has approved a bill appropriating money to pay expense of Indian war of Montana, 1867. Be kind enough to inform me as to the precise action.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN H. KEATLEY

General W. W. BELKNAP,  
Secretary of War.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, June 21, 1872

SIR: In response to yours of the 17th instant, I have the honor to inclose to you the voucher mentioned in the same, with affidavits of proof of ownership. After you have taken copy, as suggested, please return voucher to me by mail.

Respectfully, &c.,

JOHN H. KEATLEY

General JAMES A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General Military Division of the Missouri.

No. 16.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to Leander M. Black, Dr.*

1867.

June 1. For 2,586 pounds of barley, at the contract price of 14½ cents per pound. \$374 97

I certify that the above account is correct and just; and that the articles are to be or have been accounted for on my property return for the second quarter, ending on the 30th day of June, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

LEANDER M. BLACK.

(Signed in duplicate.)

STATE OF IOWA, *Pottawattamie County*, ss :

I, John H. Keatley, being first duly sworn, on oath say that I am of lawful age; that I am a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa; that there is now in my hands a voucher for \$374.97, on blank No. 12, dated June 1, 1867, in what is commonly known as the Montana war claims, issued by the territorial authorities to pay the expenses of suppressing Indian hostilities in Montana Territory during the year 1867; that said voucher is signed in duplicate by H. Cummings, colonel and quartermaster-general, and approved by Green Clay Smith, governor and commander-in-chief; that said voucher was drawn in favor of Leander M. Black; that said voucher is now the property of the First M. E. Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

JOHN H. KEATLEY.

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence by the said John H. Keatley, this 21st day of June, 1872.

[SEAL.]

J. W. ROBINSON,  
Clerk of District Court of Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

STATE OF IOWA, *County of Pottawattomie*, ss :

I, N. J. Bond, being first duly sworn, on oath say that I am of lawful age; that I was the true owner of voucher on blank No. 12, dated June 1, 1867, for \$374.97, given by the authorities of Montana Territory to Leander M. Black for quartermaster's stores used by said authorities in the suppression of Indian hostilities in said Territory in the year 1867, said voucher having been signed in duplicate and approved by Governor Green Clay Smith, governor of Montana Territory, for the quarter ending on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1867; that for value received the said voucher was transferred to me by the said Leander M. Black; that being the owner of the said voucher I transferred and delivered the same to the First M. E. Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa, to whom it now belongs, and who are the true owners of the same.

N. J. BOND.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said N. J. Bond, this 20th day of June, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

J. LYMAN,  
Notary Public.

[Indorsement.]

This case has already been reported on to Congress, and is transmitted for file in connection with other papers in the claim now in the hands of the Military Committee, House of Representatives.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 17.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to L. M. Black, Dr.*

1867.  
June 4. For 36,000 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound, as per contract dated June 1, 1867..... \$5,220

I certify that the above account is correct and just; and that the articles are to be or have been accounted for on my property return for the second quarter, ending the 30th June, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186 , of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

L. M. BLACK

(Signed in duplicate.)

No. 18.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to L. M. Black, Dr.*

1869.

August 31. For 40,000 pounds of oats, at 14½ cents per pound!.....	\$5,800 00
For 20,000 pounds of hay, at \$69.95 per ton .....	699 50

6,499 50

Forage furnished in accordance with contract.

I certify that the above account is correct and just; and that the articles will be accounted for on my property return for the month ending 31st August, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel, Quartermaster-General

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186 , of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

L. M. BLACK

(Signed in duplicate.)

224 WEST TWENTY-SECOND STREET,  
New York, September 4, 1872

SIR: I sent you, some ten days ago, a voucher with affidavit of ownership. I have had no acknowledgment of its receipt. Please let me know by return-mail what disposition has been made with it, and oblige,

Yours, respectfully,

E. ROBINSON.

Mr. JAMES A. HARDIE.

224 WEST TWENTY-SECOND STREET,  
New York City, August 22, 1872

DEAR SIR: To-day I inclosed voucher, with affidavit, as you requested in your communication of 15th instant. Please acknowledge receipt, and send check to my address, as above. Voucher for \$507.50; forgot to inclose this with it.

Yours, respectfully,

E. ROBINSON

JAMES A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

STATE OF NEW YORK, *City and County of New York, ss:*

Edwin Robinson, of said city, county, and State, being duly sworn, saith that he is the owner of the voucher hereunto attached, issued to L. M. Black, for 3,500 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound, (as per contract dated June 1, 1867,) for \$507.50, dated June 4, 1867. Voucher dated June 30, 1867, (H. Cummings, quartermaster,) headquarters Territorial Volunteers, Virginia City, Montana Territory.

E. ROBINSON

Sworn to before me this 22d day of August, 1872.

[SEAL.]

GEORGE T. MORTIMER,  
Notary Public, New York County

## No. 19.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to L. M. Black, Dr.*

1867.

June 4. For 3,500 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound, as per contract,  
dated June 1, 1867..... \$507 50

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be, or have been, accounted for on my property return for the second quarter, ending on the 30th day of June, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186—, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

L. M. BLACK.

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

For file with other papers in the hands of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives. Received since rendition of report.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, January 13, 1873.

## No. 20.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to W. W. Watkins, Dr.*

1867.

August 1. For 6,900 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound..... \$1,000 50

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be, or have been, accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186—, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

W. W. WATKINS.

(Signed in duplicate.)

## No. 21.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to W. W. Watkins, Dr.*

1867.

August 1. Eleven thousand three hundred and eighty-five pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound..... \$1,650 82½  
Twelve thousand six hundred and fifty pounds of hay, at 3½ cents per pound ..... 442 75

2,093 57½



No. 24.

## HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Charles R. Stuart, Dr.*

1867.

July 11. For seven serviceable horses for the use of First Regiment Montana Volunteers, at \$200 each.....	\$1,400 00
One serviceable mule, at \$200 .....	200 00
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	1,600 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service, accounted for on third quarter, ending September 30, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

CHARLES R. STUART.

(Signed in duplicate.)

No. 25.

## HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to W. S. Scribner, Dr.*

1867.

June 19. 22 serviceable horses, at \$200 each .....	\$4,400 00
3 serviceable work-mules, at \$200 each .....	600 00
1 table and 1 desk with pigeon-holes .....	40 00
31 pounds nails, at 50 cents per pound .....	15 50
35 pounds horseshoe-nails, at 10 cents per pound .....	35 00
1 pair blacksmiths' pincers .....	3 00
79 sheath-knives, at \$2.50 each .....	197 50
4 large steak-knives, at \$5 each .....	20 00
64 pounds horseshoes, at 75 cents per pound .....	48 00
85 table-spoons, at \$4 per dozen .....	28 33½
38 tin plates, at 25 cents each .....	9 50
5 candlesticks, at 75 cents each .....	3 75
6 riding-bridles, at \$6 each .....	36 00
36 synches, at \$5 each .....	180 00
465½ pounds lariat-ropes, at 80 cents per pound .....	372 40
52 duck saddle-bags, at \$5 each .....	260 00
5 bullet-ladles, at \$1.50 each .....	7 50
12 cartridge-boxes, at \$5 each .....	60 00
800 metal cartridges, at 18 cents each .....	144 00
2,000 musket-caps, at \$3.33 per 100 .....	66 66½
1 revolver .....	40 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be or have been accounted for on my property returns for second quarter, ending 30th day of June, 1867, and that they were necessary for the public service.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

W. S. SCRIBNER,

(Signed in duplicate.)

No. 26.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF HELENA, MONTANA MILITIA.

*The United States to J. W. Alley, agent, Dr.*

1867.

June 18. Thirty-four pairs boots, at \$12 per pair ..... \$408 00

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just; that the said boots were actually received as stated; that no part of the same has been paid; and that there is due to J. W. Alley (agent) the sum of \$408, and that the same was absolutely necessary for the defense of the Territory.

JAS. L. FISK,

*Colonel and Assistant Quartermaster, Montana Militia*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

J. W. ALLEY, Agent,

(Signed in duplicate.)

No. 27.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to J. M. Castner, Dr.*

1867.

Sept. 30. For rent of building used for recruiting-office from May 1 to September 30, inclusive, being five months, at the rate of \$125 per month .....	\$625 00
For rent of building used for hospital from June 1 to September 30, inclusive, being four months, at the rate of \$100 per month .....	400 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated; and that they were necessary for the public service, and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the months of May to September, inclusive.

H. CUMMINGS,

*Colonel and Quartermaster-General*

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,

*Governor and Commander-in-Chief*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

J. M. CASTNER,

(Signed in duplicate.)

No. 28.

*The United States to Daniel Henry, Dr.*

1867.

July 13. For 70 pounds hominy, at 40 cents per pound .....	\$28 00
For 250 pounds salt, at 45 cents per pound .....	62 50
For 60 pounds soap, at 73 cents per pound .....	43 80
For 4,400 pounds flour, at 19 cents per pound .....	836 00
For 1,053½ pounds of pork, at 78 cents per pound .....	820 53
For 102 pounds beans, at 45 cents per pound .....	45 90

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I certify that the above account for \$1,836.33 is correct and just, and has not been paid by me for want of funds; that the articles were purchased at the lowest market price, and will be accounted for on my return of provisions for the month of July, 1867. The purchase was necessary for the following reasons: None on hand for issue.

J. J. HULL,  
Colonel and Commissary-General, Montana Militia.

Received, at Virginia City, —, in full of above account,

DANIEL HENRY.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA TERRITORY,  
October 17, 1872.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed find copies of vouchers belonging to Edward O'Connell, and affidavits accompanying the same, which, I judge by your report, can still be acted upon by you.

Should any desired information still be wanting, please let me know.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

T. B. GRAY.

General JAMES A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General, Chicago, Illinois.

No. 29.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Edward O'Connell, Dr.*

For 1 serviceable horse, at \$200..... \$200

I certify that the above account is correct and just; the articles are to be (or have been) accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at —, the — of —, 1867, of —, quartermaster, United States Army, — dollars and — cents, in full of the above account.

A true copy:

T. B. GRAY,  
Notary Public, Bozeman, Montana Territory.

(Original in duplicate.)

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, County of Gallatin:

On this 17th day of October, A. D. 1872, before me, the undersigned, notary public in and for the county and Territory aforesaid, came Edward O'Connell, to me well known to be the person he represents himself to be, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the person to whom the accompanying voucher was issued; that it was issued to him for a good, serviceable California horse, duly furnished by him and sold to Captain and Acting Quartermaster Evans, of the Montana militia, and that he, the said O'Connell, is now the lawful holder and owner of said voucher, and has never received any other pay or consideration for the above-named horse.

ED. O'CONNELL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year last above written.

[SEAL.]

T. B. GRAY,  
Notary Public.

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, *County of Gallatin:*

I, Arch. Graham, clerk and recorder of the county of Gallatin aforesaid, hereby certify that T. B. Gray is a duly authorized and acting notary public, as appears from records in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this 17th day of October, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

ARCH. GRAHAM  
Clerk and Recorder

[Indorsement.]

I report on the within claim of Edward O'Connell for one horse that the property was furnished as claimed. An award of \$80 is made hereupon to the order of B. T. Gray of Bozeman, Montana Territory, the owner of the voucher, that being the rate allowed for other horses purchased for the expedition.

JAS. A. HARDIE  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, *January 15, 1873.*

No. 30.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to Thomas J. Brawner, Dr.*

From September 24 to October 12, 1867. For service as teamster for First Regiment Montana Volunteers, from September 24 to October 12, 1867, inclusive, being 19 days, at \$75 per month ..... \$47 50

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service, and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the months of September and October.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General

Approved:

Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

THOS. J. BRAWNER,

Pay the within to \_\_\_\_\_.

THOMAS J. BRAWNER,

R. & J. & A. W. LINDSA

[Indorsement.]

This case has already been acted on, and this is for file with other papers in the claim in the hands of the Military Committee House of Representatives.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 13, 1873.*

No. 31.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY

*The United States to Medrick Prévost, Dr.*

1867.  
September 30. For service rendered as clerk in the quartermaster's department, from September 1 to September 30, inclusive, being one month, at the rate of \$150 per month ..... \$150 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service; and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the month of September.

H. CUMMINGS,

*Colonel and Quartermaster-General.*

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,

*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

MEDRICK PRÉVOST.

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned found, upon examination, that the services reported upon this voucher had been rendered as claimed. It is recommended that the same rate of pay be allowed for this clerk as has been allowed in other similar cases, viz, \$125 per month. The award to be made to the lawful owner. (In connection with this voucher, see supplementary sheet, Ex. Doc. 312, p. 42, Forty-second Congress, second session.)

JAS. A. HARDIE,

*Inspector-General.*

WASHINGTON, *January 14, 1873.*

No. 32.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to William Z. Thompson, Dr.*

From September 1 to September 24. For services rendered as teamster, from September 1 to September 24, inclusive, 24 days, at the rate of \$75 per month. \$60 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service, and the same has been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the month of September.

H. CUMMINGS,

*Colonel and Quartermaster-General.*

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,

*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

W. Z. THOMPSON.

I certify that the above is a true copy of a voucher now in the possession of Edward O'Connell, duplicated.

T. B. GRAY,

*Notary Public, Bozeman, Montana Territory.*

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, *County of Gallatin, ss:*

Edward O'Connell, being first by me, the undersigned, notary public in and for the County and Territory aforesaid, duly sworn, deposes and says, that he was personally acquainted with the William Z. Thompson to whom the accompanying voucher was issued in the month of September, 1867, and that he does know that said William Z. Thompson did the service for which said voucher was issued, and that he, the said O'Connell, gave the said Thompson a horse fully worth \$65, at the time, in money, for this voucher, and \$5 in money; and that he, the said O'Connell, is now the lawful owner of said voucher, and that the said Thompson has removed from Montana Territory, and his whereabouts are now unknown to the deponent O'Connell.

ED. O'CONNELL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of October, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

T. B. GRAY,

*Notary Public*

[Indorsement.]

I report upon this claim that the services were rendered as stated in the voucher, which this is a copy, and I recommend that the same rate of pay be allowed as has been allowed to other teamsters in the same expedition. The award thus due to be made in favor of T. B. Gray, of Bozeman, Montana Territory.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, *January 14, 1873.*

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No. 33.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to J. P. Bruce, Dr.*

1867.

July 1. For one serviceable horse ..... \$207 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the articles are to be (or have been) accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General,

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

JNO. P. BRUCE.

Pay to the order of \_\_\_\_\_.

JOHN P. BRUCE.

R. J. & A. W. LINDSAY.

[Indorsement.]

For file with other papers in the hands of the Military Committee House of Representatives. Received since rendition of report already acted upon on certified copies,

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, *January 14, 1873.*

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BALTIMORE, *August 30, 1872.*

DEAR SIR: Inclosed I send you original voucher and affidavit of my ownership. The same, I hope, will be satisfactory.

Respectfully, yours,

H. SIEGEL.

(Care M. Ring & Co., 322 W. Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md.)

General JAMES A. HARDIE, *Chicago.*

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STATE OF MARYLAND, *Baltimore City, to wit :*

Be it remembered that on this 2d day of September, A. D. 1872, before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace of the said State, in and for the city aforesaid, personally appeared Henry Siegel, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he is the owner of the annexed voucher.

Sworn to before—

[SEAL.]

OTTO BENNER, *J. P.*

STATE OF MARYLAND, *Baltimore City, ct. :*

I hereby certify that Otto Benner, esquire, before whom the annexed affidavit was made, who has thereto subscribed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the city of Baltimore, duly commissioned and sworn.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the superior court of Baltimore City this 2d day of September, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

GEO. ROBINSON,  
*Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City.*

No. 34.

*The United States to J. C. Irving, Dr.*

1867.

Dec. 5. For services in the subsistence department as clerk to Colonel James L. Fisk, assistant commissary of subsistence, Montana volunteers, from August 7 to include December 5, 1867, four months, at \$150 per month ..... \$600 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service, and have not been paid by me for want of funds.

J. J. HULL,  
*Colonel and Commissary-General Montana Volunteers.*

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186—, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.  
JAMES C. IRVING.

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

I report upon the within voucher that it was ascertained that the services claimed were ascertained to have been rendered.

An allowance of \$125 per month should be made, that being the rate allowed on other claims for similar services, and the award should be made to Henry Siegel.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 11, 1873.*

No. 35

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Jno. Brunette, Dr.*

1867.

Sept. 20. For two hundred and fifty pounds of bacon, at 78 cents per pound.. \$195 00

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just; (the articles will be accounted for on my property-return for the month ending on the 30th day of September, 1867;) and that the same was absolutely necessary; that they were purchased at the lowest rates possible, and that I have not paid the account for want of funds.

J. J. HULL,  
*Commissary-General of Subsistence.*

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186—, of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, in full of above account.

[Indorsement.]

I report upon this claim that the property was delivered, as stated in the voucher, and I recommend that an award be made at the reduced rates named in previous general and special reports upon this subject, now in the hands of Congress. The awards of the amounts thus found due should be made to the legal owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 36.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to John Brunette, Dr.*

1867.		
May 30	1 camp-kettle .....	\$8 00
	1 bake-oven .....	8 00
	1 coffee-pot .....	4 00
	1 mess-pan .....	6 00
	1 fry-pan .....	4 00
	3 tin-cups, at 75 cents each .....	2 25
	1 coffee-mill .....	4 00
	1 shelter-tent .....	75 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just; the articles are to be, or have been, accounted for in my property return for the second quarter, ending on the 30th day of June, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

[Indorsement.]

I report upon this claim that the property was delivered, as stated in the voucher, and I recommend that an award be made at the reduced rates named in previous general and special reports upon this subject, now in the hands of Congress. The awards of the amounts thus found due should be made to the legal owner.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

ELLIOTT, BLAKESLEE & NOYES, FINE ART STORE,  
(OLD STAND OF A. A. CHILDS & CO.,)  
127 Tremont Street, Boston, May 21, 1872.

DEAR SIR: Your favor of 11th ultimo was laid aside, and has just turned up again. I have been away much of the time and so neglected it. I inclose you voucher for my claim. Mr. Carpenter was my agent in Montana, and, as you see, has receipted for the money at the bottom of the bill. I do not see how I can help the matter by my power of attorney, for the claim was in his name.

The goods were a patent combination mess-kit, and not the common Army mess-pan and kettle. They cost me, I believe, (I am not now sure, it was so long ago,) \$5 each to make, and he sold them to the Government at \$3 each, to close them out, and afford necessary supplies for the troops. I ought to have the money, and hope you will get it for me. If I can help you any by affidavit, or by power of attorney, please make out same, or send me word and I will attend to it at once.

Respectfully, yours, &c.,

E. BLAKESLEE.

Mr. FULLER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23, 1872.

SIR: The within inclosed voucher, in duplicate, was received by me to-day, from Brevet Brigadier-General Erastus Blakeslee, late colonel of Connecticut cavalry, claiming to be the owner of it, and that Mr. Carpenter, who has received it, was his agent and that he was the owner of the mess-kits.

I file the claim with you, to be embraced in any supplemental report that may hereafter be made of outstanding vouchers, of which I am informed there is a large amount.

Very respectfully,

T. J. D. FULLER,  
For Erastus Blakeslee.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF WAR.

[Indorsement.]

Respectfully referred to Inspector-General J. A. Hardie.  
By order of the Secretary of War.

JOHN POTTS,  
Chief Clerk, War Department.

MAY 27, 1872.

No. 37.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to E. W. Carpenter, Dr.*

1867.

Sept. 20. For 76 mess-kits, at \$3 each..... \$228 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles have been accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster.

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.  
E. W. CARPENTER.

(Signed in duplicate.)

I report hereupon that the property was furnished, and that the value of the mess-kits was ascertained to be, at the time of their passing into the service of the United States, \$1.50 each. An award is therefore made E. Blakeslee, of Boston, for the amount of \$114.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

No. 38.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to W. W. Watkins, Dr.*

1867.

Sept. 1. For 13,794 pounds of barley, at 14½ cents per pound..... \$2.000 13

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service, and are to be, or have been, accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

W. W. WATKINS.

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned, after investigation, reports as follows :

W. W. Watkins informed the undersigned that he did not furnish any hay upon the group of vouchers assigned to him, other than upon three vouchers for about \$3,000, which were in his possession about a year ago.

No award can be made upon any vouchers of the group, save the three in question, which have not been re-presented since the fire at Chicago of October 9, 1871.

If this voucher be, however, one of the three held by Watkins, a fact which may possibly be proven, the claim may be disposed of by allowing an award to the legal owner of the voucher, for the amount of forage charged for, (for the undersigned satisfied himself that Watkins furnished the amount those three vouchers represent,) at the same price that was allowed on the vouchers of Black and others, reported on in previous reports.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

DEER LODGE, MONTANA TERRITORY, July 13, 1872.

SIR: Having only recently learned that the papers in the inclosed case were destroyed in the Chicago fire, I wrote my partner, Mr. Conrad, to procure another statement and affidavit from Mr. Gallaher, which I forward.

Respectfully, yours,

F. B. MILLER.

General J. A. HARDIE,  
Chicago, Illinois.

DEER LODGE, MONTANA TERRITORY, August 24, 1872.

SIR: Your favor of 15th instant received and inclosed. Please find copy of J. M. Gallaher's original voucher. It was signed in duplicate. I only send single copy.

I am, with much respect, yours,

F. B. MILLER.

General JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Chicago, Illinois.

No. 39.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to J. M. Gallaher, Dr.*

1867.

Sept. 30. For the use of ferry at Gallatin City, Montana Territory, for crossing mounted officers and men of, and teams in service of, First Regiment Montana Volunteers from May 15 to September 30, 1867, inclusive..... \$412 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service, and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the months of May, June, July, August, and September.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel, Quartermaster-General.

Approved :

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

We certify that the above is a true copy of the voucher in my possession.

F. B. MILLER.  
JOS. A. HYDE.



MONTANA TERRITORY, *Lewis and Clarke County*:

James M. Gallaher, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing account of his against the militia of Montana Territory, organized under and by virtue of a proclamation of the governor of Montana Territory, dated — day of —, A. D. 1867, was contracted by said militia between the months of April and December, A. D. 1867; that he rendered a bill of the same to the then acting quartermaster of said militia, one Cummings, (whose first name is unknown to this affiant,) who issued to this affiant a voucher therefor; that the amount charged said militia was not unreasonable, being exactly the same that he charged other persons; that at the time said bill was contracted, United States currency in this Montana Territory was only worth and only passed for 80 cents on the dollar, gold being the basis upon which every person transacted their business and based their contracts; that he added the difference between currency and gold to said bill to conform to the basis of contracts to this Territory; that on or about the month of July, A. D. 1870, this affiant conveyed the voucher above mentioned, for a valuable consideration, to Messrs. Clarke, Conrad & Miller, of Helena, Lewis and Clarke County, Montana Territory; and further this affiant saith not.

JAMES M. GALLAHER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 12, 1872.

[SEAL.]

HENRY ADDOMS,  
*Notary Public.*MONTANA TERRITORY, *Lewis and Clarke County*:

Thomas Conrad, being first duly sworn, says that he is one of the members of the firm of Clarke, Conrad & Miller; that in or about the month of July, A. D. 1870, one James M. Gallaher, of Gallatin County, Montana Territory, conveyed to said firm a certain voucher, (the number of which is unknown to this affiant,) known as the "Montana militia voucher," for the sum of \$412; that said firm, some time during the year 1871, gave said voucher into the hands of one Inspector-General J. A. Hardie, of the United States Army, for examination and inspection; and, as this affiant is informed and believes, said Hardie carried said voucher with him to the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, his headquarters; and that the same was burned up in said city on or about October the 9th, A. D. 1872; and further this affiant saith not.

THOMAS CONRAD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 12, 1872.

[SEAL.]

HENRY ADDOMS,  
*Notary Public.*

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned has ascertained that the services have been rendered as claimed. The same rate of ferrage should be allowed as have been allowed in the awards of similar previous cases. The award should be made payable to F. B. Miller.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 11, 1873.*

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,  
INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*No. 560 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, February 5, 1872.*

SIR: At one time it appears that you were a claimant for any awards that might be found due on certain Montana Indian war vouchers, issued in the name of Edward Owens. If the original vouchers were in my possession at the time of the late fire in this city, they have been destroyed, but if you still hold them or have the means of restating your case, please do so by furnishing me with an affidavit setting forth your ownership of the vouchers and how you acquired possession of them, accompanied by copies of the vouchers.

If you have disposed of them, please state to whom, and, if possible, get the present owner to file his papers without delay, as required by inclosed circular from the War Department.

Very respectfully,

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*LEWIS NEWSOM, Esq.,  
*Gallipolis, Ohio.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Washington City, October 30, 1871.*

All persons holding or claiming to own vouchers pertaining to the Montana Indian war claims of 1867, or claiming awards to be found due thereon, are requested to send forward copies of such vouchers, or statements of their claims in detail, with affidavits as to the fact of ownership, to Inspector-General James A. Hardie, United States Army, Chicago, Illinois.

Notwithstanding the destruction of the list of awards, nearly completed, and of important evidence pertaining to the claims, sufficient data exists upon which to frame a new list of awards without injurious delay.

By order of the Secretary of War.

JOHN POTTS,  
*Chief Clerk War Department.*

No. 40.

Voucher No. 12.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Edward Owens, Dr.*

1867.		
June 11.	13 serviceable guns, at \$45 each .....	\$585 00
	5 revolvers, at \$30 each .....	150 00
	290 rounds of ammunition, at \$16 per hundred .....	46 40
	150 pistol-cartridges, at \$10 per hundred .....	15 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles are to be or have been accounted for on my property-return for the second quarter, ending on the 30th day of June, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
*Colonel and Quartermaster-General.*

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

EDWARD OWEN.

IRA W. BOOTON.

C. W. WHITE.

(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned reports upon this voucher that the property within specified was received, and that an allowance should be made at the same prices as was allowed for similar articles in the case of Stephen Reynolds. An award should be made to Edward Owens or attorney.

JAMES A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 11, 1873.*

Voucher No. 12.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Edward Owens, Dr.*

1867.		
September 3.	For 2 head of serviceable horses, at \$207.50 per head .....	\$415 00
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I certify that the above account is correct and just, and that the articles are to be or have been accounted for on my property return for the third quarter, ending on the 30th day of September, 1867.

H. CUMMINGS,  
*Colonel and Quartermaster-General.*

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster, United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

EDWARD OWENS.

IRA W. BOOTON.  
C. W. WHITE.  
(Signed in duplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned reports upon this voucher that the property was received as claimed, and that an allowance of \$80 apiece should be made for these horses. The award should be payable to Edward Owens or attorney.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

Voucher No. 22.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Edward Owens, Dr.*

1867.

September 30. For services rendered as corral-master from June 1 to September 30, four months, at the rate of \$175 per month.....	\$700
Less the amount of clothing charged to said E. Owens..25	\$675 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just, that the services were rendered as stated; and that they were necessary for the public service, and the same have been accounted for on my report of persons and articles hired for the months of June, July, August, and September.

H. CUMMINGS,  
*Colonel and Quartermaster-General.*

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186-, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster' United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above account.

EDWARD OWENS.

IRA W. BOOTON.  
C. W. WHITE.  
(Signed in triplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned reports upon this voucher that the services were rendered as claimed, and that an allowance should be made at the same rate allowed upon similar claims heretofore reported on. The award should be made payable to Edward Owens or attorney.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

Voucher No. 22.

HEADQUARTERS TERRITORIAL VOLUNTEERS, VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA TERRITORY.

*The United States to Edward Owen, Dr.*

1867.

From July 1 to September 18. For hire of four mule-teams from July 1 to  
September 18, inclusive, seventy-nine days,  
at the rate of \$12 per day ..... \$948 00

I certify that the above account is correct and just, that the services were rendered  
as stated, and that they were necessary for the public service.

H. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel and Quartermaster-General.

Approved:

GREEN CLAY SMITH,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1867, of \_\_\_\_\_, quartermaster  
United States Army, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, in full of the above  
account.

EDWARD OWENS.

IRA W. BOOTON.  
C. W. WHITE.  
(Signed in triplicate.)

[Indorsement.]

The undersigned reports upon this voucher that the services of this team were  
received as claimed, and that an allowance should be made at the same rate allowed  
upon similar claims heretofore reported on. The award should be made to Edward  
Owen, or attorney.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1873.

STATE OF OHIO, Gallia County, ss:

I, Edward Owen, now a citizen of the county of Gallia, and State aforesaid, on my  
oath say, that in the spring of the year A. D. 1866, I went to the Territory of Montana  
and remained there until in the month of October, A. D. 1867, when I returned to said  
State of Ohio, where I remained until on or about the month of August, A. D. 1870,  
when I went to the State of Missouri, and remained there until the month of May, A.  
D. 1872, when I returned to Gallia County, Ohio, where I now reside, with my post  
office address at Pine Grove, Gallia County, Ohio.

I further state that during my stay in the said Territory of Montana, Indian hostilities  
existed in said Territory to such an extent that the governor of said Territory called  
out the militia for the purpose of suppressing the same; during which time the said  
troops were engaged in said service, I furnished divers articles of quartermaster's  
stores, ordnance supplies, and done divers labors, during said hostilities, under the order  
of the governor of said Territory of Montana, and was to be paid for the same the full  
sum of \$2,834.40, and for which I received the four following vouchers, in duplicate  
form, as will more fully appear by reference to a list here given of them and their  
amounts; and the said vouchers herewith filed, issued and signed by H. Cummings,  
quartermaster-general, and approved by Governor Green Clay Smith, commander-in-  
chief, viz:

Voucher number 12, dated June 11, 1867 .....	\$796 40
Voucher number 12, dated September 3, 1867 .....	415 00
Voucher number 22, dated September 30, 1867 .....	675 00
Voucher number 22, dated July 1, 1867 .....	948 00

Amount due..... 2,834 40  
which said amount of \$2,834.40 is just and correct, and due to me on account of the  
said supplies furnished and labor done and performed by me, and which remains unpaid  
and to me belonging.

I further state that I have not received any other horse or horses, or guns, or revolvers,  
or ammunition, or any other Government property, for the whole of said claim,

or any part thereof, or any pay or compensation for said amount, or any part thereof, from any officer of said Territory, or of the United States Government, or any person therefor; nor have I sold, bartered, or given away the said claim, or any part of same, but to me the same wholly belongs.

I make this declaration in compliance with circular herewith filed and headed "War Department, Washington City, October 30, A. D. 1871," by order of the Secretary of War; (signed) John Potts, chief clerk War Department, that my said claim may receive favorable consideration and that I may be paid the said sum of \$2,834.40.

I further state that my said claim was by me once placed in the hands of one Lewis Newsom, esq., of Gallipolis, Ohio, for collection, and which remained in his hands until he departed this life, and to whom the accompanying letter was addressed February 5, 1872, written at Chicago.

That I hereby constitute and appoint Charles Mallohan, of Gallipolis, Ohio, my true and lawful attorney, to present and prosecute the above-described claim to completion; to receive any certificate, warrant, check, draft, or order that may issue in payment of said claim; to sign my name thereon, and to collect the same, all which acts, and going in and about the said claim I will forever warrant, ratify, and approve. That my age is thirty-four years, and post-office address is Pine Grove, Gallia County, Ohio. That I have not been engaged in the rebellion of the United States in the war of 1861, against the Government thereof, nor in any other hostility or disloyalty to the Government of the United States, and still is a loyal citizen thereof.

I further direct all correspondence in and about said claim to be sent to my said attorney, Charles Mallohan, of said Gallipolis, Ohio.

EDWARD OWEN.

Attest:

IRA W. BOOTON.

C. W. WHITE.

On this 12th day of June, A. D. 1872, personally came before me, Henry A. Kent, a probate judge in and for Gallia County, Ohio, Ira W. Booton and C. W. White, persons known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, who are citizens of the said county and State, with their post-office address at Gallipolis, Ohio; who, being by me duly sworn, upon their oath jointly say that they were present and saw Edward Owen sign his name to the foregoing statement, and that they are personally acquainted with him and know he is the person he represents himself to be in his foregoing declaration, which has been read and explained to them before signing the same; but of the correctness of the said claim as set up by the said Edward Owen, they cannot state.

They further say that they have no interest in this claim, direct or indirect, this 12th day of June, A. D. 1872.

IRA W. BOOTON.

C. W. WHITE.

The foregoing declaration was sworn to; the power of attorney therewith written was also acknowledged and subscribed by the claimant, Edward Owen; and the witnesses, Ira W. Booton and C. W. White, above named, also subscribed and were sworn to their joint affidavit, by me, after the said declaration and affidavit were fully read and explained to declarant and affiants; and I have no interest in this claim, direct or indirect.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of June, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

H. A. KENT, *Probate Judge.*

No. 41.

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA, March 5, 1872.

DEAR SIR: I this day received your letter of January 20, being about forty-three days on the road. The copies of vouchers which you request I have already forwarded to your address at Chicago, on January 25, and I trust that you have received same in due time. I also sent along with same the required proofs, &c.

In regard to vouchers burned, which I had deposited with William Blair & Co., and they certified that same were their property, as forfeited collateral security, I think that my affidavit, sent to you January 25, will cover sufficient proof that such is not the case, although I do not remember clearly that my testimony referred much to the particular point of ownership; at any rate, I can give all the proof necessary that same were and are mine, and I think when they receive my letter, which I wrote to them this day, that they will not delay to correct same before you, and release their pretended claims on same, which was really surprising to me when I heard of same, to say the least of it, especially coming from a house like William Blair & Co. I

inclose you their letter, which will show you that they never made such claim to me  
I inclose herewith affidavit as to mule purchase, which is of my best recollection.  
Anything further I can do in reference to my vouchers, including the Hanaa  
voucher, I shall promptly attend to at your command.

Yours, very respectfully,

F. R. MERK.

General JAMES A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General, United States Army.*

WILLIAM BLAIR & Co., 30 AND 32 SOUTH CANAL STREET,  
BETWEEN RANDOLPH AND WASHINGTON,  
Chicago, January 10, 1873

DEAR SIR: In reply to yours of 23d ultimo, would say that we have this day sent our  
affidavit of the destruction of your vouchers to General James A. Hardie, Washington  
City.

The document, we trust, was drawn sufficiently full and explicit as to meet the re-  
quirements of the case. Hoping you may obtain the full amount of your claim, and  
buy a large cash bill of us in the spring,

We are yours, truly,

WM. BLAIR & CO.

Mr. F. R. MERK.

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, *Madison County, ss:*

Frederick R. Merk, of Virginia City, county and Territory aforesaid, being duly sworn,  
upon his oath says that, some time during the fall of 1867 deponent saw upon the street,  
in said Virginia City, a wagon with (as deponent remembers) four mules, for sale by  
auction; that deponent was informed that they were offered for sale by order of Colonel  
H. Cummings; that deponent bid upon the same at said sale, and bought the same in  
for about \$350; that thereafter, Colonel Cummings, or some person for him, demanded  
the amount so bid; that deponent refused to take the wagon and team unless the amount  
due deponent from said H. Cummings was allowed and credited on the amount; that  
after some conversation said indebtedness was allowed and credited by said Cum-  
mings or his agent, and deponent paid the balance. The mules were worn out and in  
very poor condition, and two of them died very shortly afterward.

F. R. MERK.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1872.

F. C. DEIMLING,  
*Notary Public.*

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA, November 30, 1872.

DEAR SIR: In your report to the Government relative to Montana war claims, I no-  
ticed that vouchers Nos. 182, 299, and 300 were allotted by you to lawful owner, and as  
I am the legal and just owner and holder of same, I am desirous to satisfy you or the  
Department to that effect, so as to remove all possible delay or suspense in settling my  
controversy, if there should be any, after Government should have ordered payment of  
vouchers. Voucher No. 182 was held by me as security, and afterward was purchased  
by me, and is now in my possession. Vouchers 299 and 300 were left by me with Wil-  
liam Blair & Co., of Chicago, as security, and said vouchers were destroyed in the  
great fire of that city, to which William Blair & Co. made affidavit to you. William  
Blair & Co. have also advised me in their letter of June 29, that they had written to  
you, informing you that they released all claims against said vouchers.

Now, will you please advise me if any counter claims are filed with you, and still ex-  
ist, and as to what I am further required to do to make payment come direct to me.

Yours, very respectfully,

F. R. MERK.

JAMES A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General, United States Army.*

[Indorsement.]

For file with other papers in the hands of the Military Committee of the House of  
Representatives.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
*Inspector-General.*

WASHINGTON, January 13, 1873.

No. 42.

OFFICE OF S. P. AYRES,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC,  
Osceola, Iowa, January 10, 1873.

DEAR SIR: One William Brunson desires me to ascertain whether "Couch & Drew" voucher No. 22, for transportation of freight in Montana Territory, for the Government, has been paid or not.

John Van Valkenburg, of Fort Madison, Iowa, was attending to it, but fails to respond to letters written to him asking information in reference to the business. The voucher was transferred to William Brunson, by assignment from Couch & Drew, the contractors.

Respectfully, yours,

S. P. AYRES.

General HARDIE,  
Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

Respectfully submitted for file with other papers in case of Couch & Drew, being a letter touching ownership of one voucher.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

WASHINGTON, January 15, 1872.

OFFICE OF T. W. TALLMADGE, MILITARY CLAIM AGENT,  
Columbus, Ohio, January 15, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with your request by letter dated 11th instant, I herewith inclose for your inspection the original vouchers in favor of N. J. Bond, for transportation furnished the United States in Montana Territory, and which are the property of Jacob F. Kappes, assignee, amounting to the sum of \$5,149.

I also inclose a power of attorney duly executed by both N. J. Bond and J. F. Kappes, authorizing me to act as the attorney in the collection of the claims.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. W. TALLMADGE,  
Attorney.

General JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General.

Know all men by these presents that I, N. J. Bond, of Pottawattamie County, Iowa, do hereby constitute and appoint T. W. Tallmadge, of Columbus, Ohio, my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, to prosecute my claims against the United States, to amount of \$5,149, being vouchers in my favor for quartermaster's stores and transportation furnished the United States Government in Montana Territory, certified by H. Cummings, colonel and quartermaster-general, and George H. Smith, governor, which vouchers I assigned to Jacob F. Kappes for valuable consideration, and my said attorney is hereby authorized to adjust and collect said claim, and to receive and receipt for in my name any sum of money that may be found due me on account of said claim, and to receive in his own name payable to him on his order any check, draft, or warrant that may issue to me on my said claim.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of April, 1872.  
[SEAL.] N. J. BOND.

In presence of—

The word "Polk" erased and "Pottawattamie" written over it.

D. C. BLOOMER.

STATE OF IOWA, County of Pottawattamie, ss:

Be it known that on this 4th day of April, 1872, personally appeared before the undersigned authority, in and for said county and State, N. J. Bond, who acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing power of attorney to be his voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein stated.

Witness my hand and seal the day aforesaid.

[SEAL.]

D. C. BLOOMER,  
Notary Public.

STATE OF IOWA, *County of Pottawattamie, ss :*

Know all men by these presents that I, Jacob F. Kappes, of said county, do hereby constitute and appoint T. W. Tallmadge, of Columbus, Ohio, my attorney to prosecute my claim against the United States for vouchers assigned to me for a valuable consideration by N. J. Bond, which are made in his favor for the sum of \$5,149, being for quartermaster's stores and transportation furnished the United States in Montana Territory, and certified by the quartermaster-general and the governor.

And my said attorney is hereby authorized to adjust said claims, to receive payment made thereon, and receipt in my name for any money that shall be paid thereon, though I was personally present.

JACOB F. KAPPE

The letter "J" erased before execution.

In presence of—

D. C. BLOOMER.

STATE OF IOWA, *County of Pottawattamie, ss :*

Be it known that on this 4th day of April, 1872, personally appeared Jacob F. Kappes and acknowledged the above power of attorney to be his voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein stated.

Witness my hand and seal the day aforesaid.

[SEAL.]

D. C. BLOOMER,  
Notary Public

[Indorsement.]

These papers should be filed with the other papers in this case now in the hands of the House Military Committee.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 21, 1873.*

Original vouchers returned to T. W. Tallmadge, January 28, 1873.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA TERRITORY, *July 20, 1872.*

DEAR SIR: Please send me all my Montana vouchers, in order that I can get proof on those that are suspended, or partially so, and oblige,

Yours, truly,

L. M. BLACK

General J. A. HARDIE.

Original sent as requested. Copies retained.

[Indorsement.]

These claims have already been acted on, and these papers are for file with other papers in the claims now in the hands of the Military Committee, House of Representatives.

JAS. A. HARDIE,  
Inspector-General

WASHINGTON, *January 13, 1873.*