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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., November 22, 1865.

Mr. Peleg Clark, Junior,  
Westbury, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant in reference to claims for corn, number 7c., alleged to have been taken by the U. S. Army at Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1862, has been received.

The reports received at this office in the case, (and the main facts of which you do not deny,) are that about the period in question you had dealings with the rebel army - furnishing or agreeing to furnish it with hospital furniture &c., and, to that extent, at least, giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

The corn in question - there is every reason to believe, was left by

the rebels when they were compelled by  
our army to evacuate Frederickburg.  
It was a prize of war, and became  
the property of the United States, and  
your claim to it, because it was left  
in your warehouse, and the rebels  
were indebted to you for furnishing  
their army with hospital furniture,  
cannot be admitted.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. C. Cressy  
Brigadier Major General, and  
G. M. General.

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M. C. Meigs  
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