

Dry Creek Campbell County Ky
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Col Richard M. Johnson

Sir,

I was in Washington last fall & had a conversation with Mr. Kendall & Mr. Haynes respecting the amount due me for Provisions issued at New Port Ky under the Contract of Turk & Henderson in 1818 & 19 - both those gentlemen and others whom I conversed with spoke favourably of my claim and thought I ought to bring it before Congress.

I feel that the Government is doubly bound to pay me 1st because they are ^{it is} not in the habit of an individual suffer a loss when the benefit has accrued to them, secondly and lawfully, that when I found the abstracts had been illegally taken possession of by Turk & Henderson without my knowledge or consent they refused to pay me the ballance due of Seventeen Hundred & Seventy one Dollars. I immediately wrote to Mr. Calhoun then Secretary at War and requested him to reserve Payment on the abstracts of Provisions issued at New Port Ky under said contract as they had been fraudulently obtained from me. But notwithstanding this plain & express notification Mr. Calhoun suffered Mr. Haynes the Auditor to settle with Turk and Henderson, Mr. Haynes acknowledges the Rect. of my letter to that effect and if you will call on him he will tell you the same, thus I think the Government ought not to hesitate to pay me -