From the evidence presented by J. L. Masters the Controller has no doubt that a Peck of Corn belonging to him was made use of by our Army, for which he should be paid, yet the certificates as to the quantity of Corn are too indefinite to warrant the Controller in passing the account,

The Law requires that the certificate should state the quantity and value of the articles taken, in this case the number of Bushels of Corn made use of is not sufficiently ascertained to warrant the passage of the account.

The Claimant is recommended to Congress which has the power to give him relief & will no doubt do so promptly in a case as strong as the present.

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upon the return of this case I am still of opinion that I have paid for the corn according to Law and according to proof I had to pay in cash that you have allowed for bushel for corn the certificate of Maj: Wm Smith states the corn was fine and about 15 acres. the Certificate of Genl. F. Huston states that Crops Generally in that section would average from 30 to 35 bushels per acre the Certificate of M. Walsh president of ten years states that the average corn crop during that Period was above 40 bushels to the acre and 1836 was a favourable season I took the Middle price 35 bushels. believing that corn taken as that was the Government ought of right to pay and Claimant having obtained