The Bill of Provisions alluded to in the certificate of H M Lewis as Sgnce by A S McDonald Was as Follows to the Best of my recollection

viz Two Hogsheads Family Bacon 1500 lbs at 25	$375
1 Barrel Flour — —	$120
1 Key Lard — —	$ 75
1 Barrel Sugar	31.25
	$425.75

The second receipt was for Beeves taken the number not known. But when I left Victoria in March 1842 with the small Pox I had about Forty Head of cattle and when I returned after the lapse of a little more than a Month I found only nineteen Head to the best of my recollection as the state officers had authorised the Butchers to kill any fat cattle found. It opened a door for thieves to eat what they pleased so if the state will pay the above Bill I will say nothing about the Beeves

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P S It will be observed that I have assumed the usual weights of Hogsheads and Barrels. As regards prices it must be remembered that it was under the Republic that these articles were introduced paying a heavy Duty and at a time of great scarcity owing to a long threatened invasion from Mexico. All which is Respectfully submitted by W H Beck