Office of the Surg: General
Nov 29.. 1837.

I have examined the accompanying Bills for purchases of medicine and Hospital Stores made by Dr. C. Goodrich; and from the bill of lading herewith sent, & other circumstances I believe the articles were bonâ fide transmitted to the receiving officer at Galveston, the late Surgeon General Ewing. — While lying at Galveston, a portion of the stores was taken for the Navy; how large a portion cannot now be ascertained from neglect of the officers charged with ~~receiving them~~ delivering and receiving them. — A portion of the articles was returned to New Orleans after they were received - and consequently had passed from the control of Surgeon Goodrich. — To whose fault or neglect this is attributable, I am unable certainly to say. — The amount of purchases is

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