The Comptroller is of opinion that from the Certificate of Colonel Hockley the Claimant is entitled to pay as Master Armorer from the 2nd May to the time he died. It is very true the Six Months discharge for the time he entered the service was given in September and as that was the time for which he entered the service it was only securing to himself the benefits guaranteed by claiming it which however did not preclude him from receiving the appointment of Master Armorer in which Capacity from the Certificate of Col Hockley we are forced to believe he died.

For the reasons I have respectfully returned the Case for the further consideration of the Auditor.

Francis R. Lubbock
Comptroller

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Upon the return of the case I am still bound to consider it as before not admitting in the least the Certificate of Col. Hockley. Yet it is possible that when he received his discharge it might not have been known to the Sec'y. Aside from this the Cases of the United States Ordnance Master Armorer. none has ever been known to me save only as the Chief of the United States here are Master Armorers at Velasco. Harrisburg Houston and Elsewhere. besides the Certificate of Col. Mullard has been attached since it was before me. I therefore refer the matter to his Excellency for decision in which I shall cheerfully yield my respectfully yours &c

W. M. Allen
Auditor

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