Executive department
January 26th 1836

To The Auditor of Public accounts,

Sir, I have examined your reasons & those of the Controller, on the annexed account of Col. D. C. Barrett, I am, clearly of opinion after mature reflection, that your view of the subject is correct, that you cannot look beyond the decision of the Gen. Council, & that body having passed the account, it only as a matter of form, is sent to you & the controller for the corresponding draft, which you & the controller will accordingly ~~[illegible]~~ do, by your returning the accompaning drafts to him which he is hereby required to Countersign according to Law,

James W. Robinson
acting Governor

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The within Claim and accompanying documents having been returned from Controllers Office rejected because he says it is beyond his controle I presume that M. Controller had not well informed himself of the existing laws as regard of him in the 14th Section of the Ordinance and desire which gave him existence as Controller. the office then in this Instance seems to have the proper manner when it assumes the power of controlling its Maker —

In the second Section of the Ordinance & desire creating the Office of Auditor and Controller it is made my duty as Auditor to receive all claims &c. presented me for Liquidation & to strictly examine them and if found Just incompromisingly with the existing laws admit them to audit the 15th Section clearly gives the Controller the right to reject that class of Claims I have allusted to, but it seems to me I would be

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