upon the return of this case I am still of opinion that Claimant should be paid twenty four hundred dollars, because the Certificate of Edward Patterson 1st Sergeant stating a much larger amount of horses were purchased the President's Certificate with me carries great weight, believing as I do, believe that the President has been satisfactorily informed of the Justness of the Claim before he would have certified it such to have been the fact. And therefore I refer the matter to the consideration of the Hon Sec of the Treasury.

[illegible] Auditor

The reasons given by the Controller as respects the foregoing account I consider to be well founded as it appears proper vouchers are lacking. In such cases I consider that Congress alone can relieve. Let the account be audited so far as proper vouchers appear, and for the balance the Claimant can apply for relief to the Competent Authority

Respectfully
Henry Smith
Ass't of Treasury

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