Dr Master Genl's Office
Austin 17th Jany 1840

The within claim for Tobacco is approved by me —

1st Because the Regulations of the Army now in use have been adopted since the purchases and the Offices were not aware that it did not form a component part of the Ration —

2d Because a great portion of the time the troops were on Service, full rations were not furnished them —

Wm G Cooke
Dr Mast Genl

Dr Martin's certificate to Smith