

From Joseph W. McClurg to David D. Stockton

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Head Quarters M.S.M

Linn Creek Mo 19th March 1862

To

Capt. Stockton

D. Sir

Your report was all satisfactory. I have to congratulate you in the bravery of your men and shall [MS. illegible] expect a good account after an engagement, at all times.

I must direct your attention to the fact that you have consumed many more rations than entitled from 20th to 28th Feby.

of	Beef	Pork & Bacon	Corn meal	Flour
	383	1007 75	908	270
	1465		1178	bought
	806		778	entitled to
	649		400	in excess

you have used as per. see 649 meat 400 Bread stuff more than entitled to.

You will have to appoint some one to see to this & that a company does not consume more than rations allowed. Another month is drawing to a close & you will please have [MS. illegible] here immediately after last of month. It is

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necessary to give date of each purchase, the price per lb and Bushel. Also Christian names of the men and whether loyal or not. Also Eggs & butter are not allowed in rations.

I send 6 monthly returns. You will make out (or have made) two for each of the 3 Company.

Please notice the heading & don't neglect alterations. Your last was not right.

Frequent reports if you please & an accurate account of all scouts should be sent.

I write in much haste

Your's & respty [respectfully]

J.W. McClurg Lt. Col[.]

Cav. M.S.M

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Linn Creek, MO

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