General Head Quarters

State of Minnesota

Adjutant General's Office Saint Paul Aug 30th

Hon. Col. Ramsey,

Governor and Commander in Chief
of the Minnesota State Militia

Enclosed herewith, for your consideration, a communication received from Col. Cobler Barrington, and a statement of their account for goods furnished the various regiments of this State at my solicitation, I think you are familiar with all the facts and circumstances connected with the furnishing of these goods. An appointment was made on the 24th day of April, and at the time issued, it was informed me, by arranging that the regiment must be ready to march at any time during the month of May, and that the Secretary of War had informed me that we must provide Quarters Clothing & for the regiment, and that all these things would be paid for and all necessary expenses for the General Government. Under these instructions immediately upon receiving my appointment, I did in connection with Capt. Brown of the U.S. Army, the master of the armory in this State, who had at that time arrived proceed to Port Ribey and at the request of Capt. Owen secure that post for this purpose to the Government in overhauling the troops. And the three months' regiment, being at this time paid and ready for acceptance, immediately went to the commercial firms of the city and inquired to ascertain if they would clothe and furnish the regiments upon any terms, and if so, upon what terms. The merchant firms of the three of the various clothing companies furnished me with the clothing of that one at this time refused to furnish anything upon
the credit of the United States or upon credit at all. Upon presenting the claim of Caleb & Barrington and relating to him that the Secretary of War had stated to him that the federal government would not furnish the clothing at the request. The claim to furnish and extend everything to the extent of the present ability when the credit of the United States, but the mind failed to understand that we were only a substitute for repaying goods at this time while we failed upon the 1st to

immediately in connection with Capt.

Adm. of the US Navy with the plan of their men and ensured their return. They

and 50 others had been engaged in the forces in connection with the first division. They

was the only place where Caleb could obtain these goods when the terms, and the forces

charges in the banking were claimed the same, they were made in the name of the

name and received. And we can reason

as to how goods could have been obtained so in the moment, even if there

had been competition of that time. In these articles the only ones involved in the

bank, through an immediate name, and could not have furnished them

within the time allowed me in any other way.

In order securing the moment

was made on the 29th of April and the [Handwritten] 30th articles were

had to at the place of rendezvous on the 29.

were articles that weigh

for ventilation goods were desired to be and were, as a good substantial character.

and the quantity came through general, while at Washington, in the

was changed from a three months’ regiment to a three years regiment, to Alexander

Quartermaster. Caleb & Barrington came to me and asked me to secure him the

the goods valued about five hundred and fifty in number. It was claimed said

products, and as far as I know he had no claim to the Regiment, because he

same house contract to deliver forty thousand tents and the smaller

articles of equipment. This cause was secured when he came, and the manner

day of the goods immediately in the half of these were furnished to the

Regiment at his solicitation, and at as fair price as they could be

claimed as in this market, and of as good quality as could be secured here.