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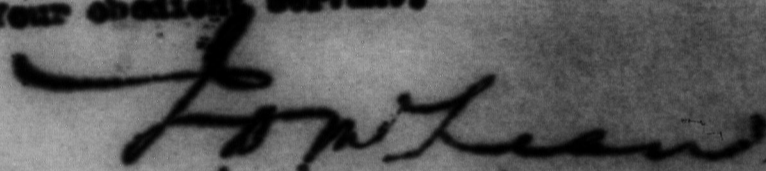
Ottawa 25th May, 1904.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letters of the 17th and 25th instant, I beg to say that the sample pair of trousers which you forwarded were submitted to the Department's Expert for examination and comparison with the standard. He has reported that while the material used is fairly good it is nothing like as good as the standard. He states that the colour in the trousers submitted by you is ~~lighter~~ "light" while the standard is "dark" and "much heavier goods can be worn the year round while the other is only fit for mild weather".

The Expert goes on to say that while the trousers are well made the button holes in the fly are very bad. The pocketing he states is ~~very~~ miserable and will give no wear. He states that the pockets in the standard are worth ~~about~~ about 4¢ more per yard. The Expert concludes his report by advising a reduction of 10¢ in the contract price. Under the circumstances the Department will accept the trousers at a reduction of ten percent in price, only, and you may ship them on these terms.

Your obedient servant.



Secretary.

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