

the service, and within the terms and meaning of my contract "allowing the augmented price of the ration."

I am now about to take leave of the Third Auditor, and have, I think, refuted his objections, and successfully replied to all his remarks. Candor induces me to say the Third Auditor has gone into the examination of the supplementary accounts and claims, as reported to you on the 24th instant, with feelings and views less hostile to my rights and claims than on a former occasion, and with an understanding more likely to elicit truth than might have been expected from the hasty and irrelevant matter unfortunately contained in his former report, as made on my claims in September last.

In the present report, although we may materially differ as to the application of principles that governed the decision, as made in favor of other claimants, yet all must agree that the principles of equity and justice cannot be confined to dates or individual cases; they are as broad as the earth, and as extensive as the Heavens. It is in vain to attempt to confine them to time or space.

I cannot close this subject without remarking that all the facts of service and equivalent are admitted, or not denied, and my vouchers correct and valid, with the only exception of the small claim of 114 and 136 dollars, in account furnished in August last; and those, in the opinion of the Third Auditor, suspended for further explanation. My claims, thus admitted as genuine and true, but "not admissible under the regulation of his Department," it only remains for me to request the examination of the case by the Hon. Secretary of War, and ask his decision on the claims in equity; and of you to enforce the law, and apply the decisions of the Department that have governed in other cases.

With considerations of high respect,

I remain your obedient servant,

ELBERT ANDERSON,

Late Contractor.

Washington, June 30, 1824.

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