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sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 33rd ultimo, in futher reference to Voucher No 2055; and in reply I have to inform you that the only meats which the Department allows to its employees as rations are beef and pork, and occasionaly a little mutton in lieu of beef. Fish caught in the district may also be bought at intervals, provided the cost does not exceed what would have been paid for beef, provided the same had been purchased. This rule applies generally to all the Indian Agencies, and no exception can be made thereto.

Such articles as turkey, pig's head, ham, sausages, lard, suet, finnan haddle are classed as luxuries and can not be allowed to appear in the public accounts as supplied to Indian Agents and other employees. Under the circumstances I regret to return the account in question herewith.

Your obedient servant.

Secretary.

