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Subs. Office Hd. Qrs. Tampa Bay Fla. May 2 1850

Captain

The Comdg. General directs that no contract shall [[insert]] not [[/insert]] be given to [[underlined]]Captain Parker [[/underlined]] for Supplying troops of this army, Because he took an active hand in the Cutcheefoksasa meeting where and when the army was misrepresented & abused publicly.

When Ms. Parker spoke to me a few days since I was not aware of his conduct in this matter, but approving fully of the rule to exclude, when possible, those from Army patronage who are active in thwarting the public interests.

I have to request that you will direct this letter to your A. C. S. and inform Capt. Parker of its contents. Should he present himself as from me, for the contract.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt John C. Casey Capt. & Chief C. S.

Bvat Capt. G. W. Rains} Fort Brin [[?]]} Fla.}

[[line]]

Subs. Office Hd. Qrs Tampa Bay. Fla May 3. 1850

Lieutenant.

In reply to yours of the 30th April. You are not authorized to procure beef for the troops from any other than the Contractor. Whenever the present Contractor shall fail to give Satisfaction and I see a reasonable prospect of doing better I will make a change.

Meantime I have notified him of this — the first— complaint of the quality of Beef delivered by him.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt. John C. Casey Capt. Chf. C.S.

Lieut. A.[[strikethrough]] L. Magelton[[/strikethrough]] S. Sutton} A. A. C. S.} Fort Meade, Fla.} [[line]]

Subs. Office [[strikethrough]] O [[/strikethrough]]Hd. Qrs. Tampa Bay Fla May 3. 1850

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Sir.

The A.C.S. at Ft. Meade under date of April 30- reports to me that your Beef has been reported, "unfit for issue", and

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"Very poor."

I trust you will examine this matter at once. As you are pledged to furnish [[underline]] the best beef that the country affords[[/underline]]. You are, and have been paid a liberal price, in order that the troops might always be furnished with the best quality of beef.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt. John C. Casey Capt & Chief C.S.

Mr. Lanier} Beef Contractor} at Alafia} & Ft. Meade, Fla} [[line]]

Subs. Office Tampa Bay May 6. 1850

Major.

I regret to say that the last or present lot of potatoes by the Fashion are not in good order.

The former lot was excellent and as the Storekeepers here receive potatoes by sail vessels from N. Orleans, which keep for many weeks after their arrival, I hope that good potatoes may always be Secured for the U.S. as they are but 3 or 4 days in transition.

The loss on the present lot will be very great.

Very Respectfully Yodur Obt Servt. John C. Casey Capt. Chf. C.S.

Maj. } Geo. G. Waggaman} C.S.} New Orleans}

[[line]]

Subs: Office Tampa Bay May 8/50

Gen Geo Gibson] C.G.S.

I have to request that you will forward to Lt. G.A. DeRussy A.C.S. at this depot \$2500= army subsistence to meet the wants of the troops on this side of Kissimmee r.

Very respectfully Your ob svt John C. Casey Chief. C. S.

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