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Order Book of Lieut. Nathan Clark, 
at Fort Snelling, then Fort St. Anthony, 
31 March, 1817, to 24 June, 1824. 

Presented to the Minnesota Historical Society, 
from the children of Mrs. Charlotte Q. Van Olene, 
by Carl E. Van Olene, Minneapolis, June 14, 1909.
Sr.

Colonel Schuyler directs me to acquaint you with the receipt of 1200 pairs of shoes of the 24th Regt. and that you should be in Detroit in time to move with your Regiment, and of your remaining at Buffalo for water transportation will not defeat the object you have for proceeding to Montreal. You will receive a communication from the Colonel on your arrival at Detroit.

I am respectfully,

[Signature]

Capt. J. W. [F.]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Office of the Enemy Agent of War

Washington, 7 May 1840

Sr.

You will consider a half a pound of pork, or beans, as constituting a part of the ration, twice in each week only, and write between them accordingly.

When you shall have become sufficiently acquainted with the use of these articles, to enable you to form an opinion as to the propriety of using them more frequently, you will report on the subject to this Office.

[Signature]

Sr. Matthew Clark

Capt. Commanding

St. Louis
Washington 15th May 1819

Sir,

On an order making out forwarding to this Office an Estimate of the probable cost of the first
Bul. required for the ensuing year by the troops of the
Post at which you are stationed. Funds will be
limited upon through the nearest branch Bank or

I am very respectfully

Yours truly,

Geo. Gibbons, Comt. of Indi.

[Signature]

[Signature]

Lieutenant

[Signature]

To the Comt. Geo. of Indi.

[Signature]
Instructions relative to forwarding an estimate for money to饷头.

Lieut. Matthew Clark
5th Infantry
New York City, of July.
Office of the Com. of Gen. Sup't.
Washington 19th June 1849

Sir,

You will perceive by the regulations of the War Department that the money hitherto received for rations, parts of rations commuted or sold, the Surgeon will make return upon the Assistant Commissary of Subsistence for such supplies of vegetables, poultry, milk &c. as he thinks necessary for the use of the sick. Provided the articles so purchased do not exceed the value of the rations parts of rations retained, estimating the whole ration at 20 cents.

To enable you to comply with this arrangement, I have stated at foot the cost of the component parts of the ration at St. Peter's

Same for Jan. 21st
86 Elec. 6 Cam. 10

Sub. Clerk
Adj. Ass't. Adj't
Cas. of Commanding Officer 5th
St. Peter's
Massachusetts 1st
Washington, 19th June 1849

Sir,

You will perceive by the regulations of the War Department that, in lieu of the allowance heretofore received for subsistence of rations, commissary or subsistence, the Surgeon will make returns on the Assistant Com. of Subsistence for such supplies of vegetables, poultry, milk, etc. as he may think necessary for the use of the sick provided the cost of the articles so purchased does not exceed the value of the rations or parts of rations retained estimating the whole ration at 20 cents.

To enable you to comply with this regulation please state below, the cost of the component parts of the ration at 20 cents.

James W. Webb

Mr. Wilson Com. Subs.

Wm. M. Ross


Extract
Office of the Com. of Subs.  
Washington 7th July 1819

Sir,

As extra issues of bundles, soap, salt, &c. are made on returns respecting the number of pounds, quarts, &c. the return will not be entered in the abstract of issues to the troops or to those in hospitals, but will form a separate item by them selves, and entered in the monthly return of Provisions received & issued. Should more than two returns on this description all made within the month, they will be abstracted equally to the accompanying form, and the abstract will form a voucher. The return to accompany the monthly returns of Provisions received & issued.

Extra Whiskey is usually drawn by ration; can be entered in the abstract of Provisions issued.

These allocations are made with the object of obviating the difficulty of converting the extra issues into Rations.

Yours tr.,

[Signature]

Geo. W. Clark
Adjutant of the District
St. Peter,
Office of the Comptroller of labor,
Washington 4th July 1819

Sir,

The extra issue of candles, soap, salt, & vinegar are made on returns expressing the number of pounds, quarts, or
the return will not be made on the abstract of such to the
Troops or Men in the Hospital, but will form a separate item of
themelves. The entered in the Monthly return of Provisions
received & issued. Should more than two returns of
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the difficulty of converting the extra issues into Rations.

Respectfully yours,

Your Mo. Ob.,

[Signature]

H. B. Clark
Adjt. Gen. of Lab.
Printed at the Office of St. Peter's
New Orleans
Office of the Commissioner General of Subtreasury, Washington, 10 July 1817

To,

You are authorized to draw on me at sight for two thousand five hundred dollars for the purchase of fresh beef for that part of the city assigned to Washington at which station Mr. McComb resides. You have been assigned a farm for which all is

G. D. Robinson, Commissioner of Land.

R. W. Clark

Sub. Com. of Subtreasury

P.S. A duplicate of this has been forwarded to

R. W. Clark
On the 1st of July,

I entered

your

in...

your

first

your

in...

your

first

your

in...

your

first
Office of the Compt. Gent. Letts  
Washington 31 Aug 1819

When issues are made by you to laborers, it is required that such issues be entered on a separate abstract. If provisions issued from the to the

laborers of

Heretofore issues to laborers were charged to the army subsistence. My object now is to have them charged to the laborers department since the necessity of a separate abstract

Res. In

[Signature]

Geo. Robinson Com. Encls

A W Clark Capt. 2nd Regt

Walter & Clark

Hand Au Chan

1st Sep. 1821

Mr. 9
For

You are permitted to sell to the officers of the Army such articles of subsistence as they may require charging them at the rates they cost less prominent as enumerated below. This articles thus disposed of be entered & accounted for in your monthly returns of provisions received & issued.

And the amount received in payment will be credited in your quarterly account current.

Respectfully,

Geo. Henson

Com. of Post

[Handwritten calculations and notes follow.]

Pot. Clark

[Signature]

[Additional handwritten notes and calculations follow.]
January 14, 1810

[Handwritten text not legible]
Would not in your opinion the troops be
benefited by dispensing with the whisky part
of the ration?

Could the soldiers be brought to submit
cheerfully to this privation?

Are the beans or peas added to the comfort of
the men? Is a 1/2 pint per man twice a day
in your opinion sufficient? Could any other
vegetable be substituted with greater advantage?

When bacon or hard bread are issued how
many quarts of each should constitute the ration?

Should not some addition be made to the beef
ration to ensure constantly an satisfied duty.

Your opinion on the present system of feeding
the troops, its advantages & disadvantages.
Are the troops better fed with their rations
than under the present system?

Will the system contemplated by the Senate...
The business is to send as much money as possible.

George Jones

December 23, 1840

After the business is concluded, we shall

Money wasted in the contracting and such like.

As you please, we can do what we wish.
Office of the Commissioner General of Subsistence
Washington 11th February 1825

Sir,

You will furnish Clerve Williams and his party consisting of about ten persons of the six nations with a reasonable number of rations should they present themselves at your post.

These issues will be entered in the "abstract of issues to Indians" agreed to the form herewith.

I am Sir,

Yr. Ob. Srv.

Geo. Eaton Commander
of Subsistence

The Ist. Commissioner of Subsistence
Post of St. Peter
Falls of St. Anthony

Vicq. St. Louis
Washington 25th July 1820

Sir,

Major Humphreys the Subsistence Military Store

Keeper at St. Louis has reported that he can advantageously dispense of the hides of the cattle slaughtered at your post and that he will forward to him by the return boats all hides not required by the Commanding officer for the use of the troops.

You will be pleased to communicate frequently with Major Humphreys on the subject of supplies and keep him apprised of every thing that transpires connected with the Commandant, to the end that his arrangements may be made on certain information.

I am Sir Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Col. E. S. 

Commander of Subsistence

[Signature]
Office of the Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington 25 March 1825

Sir,

Your letter under date 31st October and 31st November are received. Instructions as respects your duties were forwarded in duplicate early last spring; one put by the way of Detroit, the other by the way of St. Louis. By them you were authorized to sell to officers as much provisions &c. as would be necessary for their subsistence and comfort at contract prices, adding the cost of transportation. — Some time since the new regulations were put upon you to which I beg leave to refer. —

It is a matter of regret that so great
a stop has happened in the story on the upper Mississippi and this ought to be increased by a knowledge of its being occasioned by depredations. I hope the persons have been found out, and put under stoppage. Should any thing of the kind occur in future, in the transportation of stores, I trust you will use every exertion to have the offenders punished.

With perfect esteem,

Your Ob. Servt.

G. C. Colton

Commander of Subsistence

Lt. N. Clark

Asst. Com. of Subsistence

G. Peters
This letter was opened by mistake by Sir Clarke on the 6th of July, 1770.
Office of the Compt Dwr of Subsistence
Washington 3d April 1820

Sir,

Then writing you the 25th ult., it was omitted to notice to you an error in your monthly return for October of 10 Bbls of Pork in deducting 31 Bbls of pork from 95,75 1/4 Bbls you made on hand 162 - 110 1/4 rights to be 170 Bbls 110 1/4 Bbls. This error is carried through your November and December returns. On the 31st ult. you ought to have on hand 162 Bbls 135 1/2 rights (Pork) please correct this error and let it appear in your next return after the receipt of this journal.

Respectfully,

Your True Obser,

[Signature]

Adjutant Comd. 6th Subsistence

Lt. D. Clark
31st Comdg. Subs.

R. Peters
I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th inst. and shall wait your further instructions in the premises.

J. Adams
Washington, 13th May 1825

Sir,

You are required to forward to this Office, timely and regular estimates showing the amount required in each quarter and the state on which your estimate is predicated.

A General Order has been issued from the Adjutant and the Inspector General's Office defining Women, and Boys under eighteen years of age attached to the Army, of the Whiskey part of the ration, which you will be governed by in your future issues.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signatures]

St. Nathan Clark
Col. Com. of Sta.
St. Peters
Adjutant and Inspector General’s Office,

May 11, 1820.

GENERAL ORDER.

Conformably to the act of April 14, 1818, authorising the President to make such alterations in the component parts of the ration, as a due regard to the health and comfort of the army may require, it is hereby ordered, that in future, no issues will be made of the whiskey part of the ration to boys under eighteen years of age, nor to women attached to the army.

By order,

Adj. & Ins. Gen.
Office of the Com. of Pub. Stores
Washington, 23rd May 1820

Sir,

To avoid the necessity of drawing on the Commissary

Ink of subsistence, you will hereafter forward timely estimates to

this Office of the sums required for subsistence, when the required
amount will be promptly remitted by the Treasurer of the U. States.

This is done to avoid the serious inconvenience resulting to the Treasury
from having drafts presented for payment at this place where no
previous arrangements have been made to meet them. I am

Yrs. mos. Ob. Ser. to

J. N. Clark

Office of the Adjutant General
Washington 18th May 1820

In the absence of the Commissary Dept. of subsistence Capt. J H Ross has been directed by the Secretary of War to perform his duties. He will be recognized & obeyed accordingly.

[Signature]
GENERAL ORDER,

It appears, that under the regulation for cultivating gardens at all permanent garrisons, and the provision for a more extensive cultivation of wheat and other articles, component parts of the ration, at certain frontier posts, expenses have accrued for seeds, utensils, and fences, which have, in some instances, been paid by the disbursing officers of the government.

In future no such advances will be admitted; and it is hereby made the duty of the commanding officer to collect the necessary fund from the officers and men of his garrison or post for all such purchases.

The assessment and collection of such funds shall be in the proportion of eighty-five per centum on the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, and fifteen per centum from the commissioned officers of the garrison or post who are to be benefited by such cultivation.

By order,

Adj. & Ins. Gen.
The price of the Hospital Rations is reduced to fifteen cents for the year commencing 1st June 1820 and ending 31st May 1821. In subsequent years it will be fixed at the average cost of the Army Ration. Assistant Commissaries of the various in their Army with the Hospital will be governed accordingly.

D. Parker
23-9-25
Office of the Commissary General of Subs.
Washington 10th July 1819

Sir,

You are authorized to draw on me at sight for five thousand five hundred dollars for the purchase of pork beef, for that portion of the 4th Infantry assigned to St. Peters, to which station General Meigs reports you have been assigned.

I am, Sir,

Your Most ob. Serv.

Lt. M. Clark
5th Infantry
Sub. Com. of Subs.

Duplicate forwarded

P. Diny
Circular

Office of the Com. Gen. of Gold
Washington 17th July 1820

Sir

Pursuant to an act of Congress for the
clear organization of the Treasury Department, it is
required that each and every such officer (namely who
became bound to the United States before the passing
of this act) shall on or before the 30th day of
September next, give new and sufficient security for
the performance of the duties required of such officer
—You will therefore execute a bond conformably to the
one herewith enclosed for the faithful performance of
your duties, to be transmitted to this department under
in the usual manner as to the sufficiency of the security

Sam. Me. Agent the 1st. Sec.

A. H. Clark,
River St. Louis
Falls of St. Anthony
Office of the Com. of Subs.
Washington 24th July 1820

Sir,

You are directed to make sales to officers of the army of such provisions as are necessary for their subsistence. The articles disposed of under this order will be sold at the contract price for the Depot at St. Louis as quoted below. In your quarterly returns you will credit the United States with the amount of your sales within the quarter, and will account for the provisions they disposed of in your monthly returns. I am to

G. Barnet, Com. Subs.

The above Com. of Subs.
St. Peter
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Office of the Com. Secy. of War
Washington 24th July 1822

Sir,

You are directed to make sales to officers of the Army, of such provisions as are necessary for their subsistence.

The articles disposed of under this order will be sold at the Contract price for the Depot at St. Louis as quoted below. In your Quarterly return you will credit the United States with the amount of your sales within the Quarter and will account for the provisions thus disposed of in your Monthly return.

I am Sir,


of Subsistence

The Apor. Com. of War

St. St. Peter's
Contract Price of Provisions at St. Louis.

Pork per pound — 8 c. per
Flour — 3 c. 4
Whiskey, Gallon — 51.
Soap per pound — 10
Candy, pounds — 18
Salt — bushel — 2.
Vinegar, Gallon — 22
Beans or peas, per bushel — 1.
Corn Meal, per pound — 2½ c. per
Office of the Com. for 1st Field
Washington 31 July 1820

Sir,

The object of this communication is to ascertain what quantity of provisions will probably remain on hand at your depot on the 31st May 1821. Calculating equally to the number of daily issue and the present quantity and quality of the provisions. You will send the above to this office without delay.

I am Sir

[Signature]

[Commander of Subsistence]

[Signature]

P.S. Com of Subsistence

[Signature]

[Name]
If true, the facts of the case may be sufficiently to substantiate the charge of
the prisoner's guilt. The prisoner, on the other hand, maintains his innocence.

The court finds no probable cause for further examination of the case.

The prisoner is therefore discharged.
Offices of the Secretary of State  
Washington, 11 August 1810

Dear Sir,

I have the satisfaction to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th May, reply to mine of the 14th January. And return my thanks heartily for the information you were pleased to give on the subjects proposed, which will greatly facilitate the object I had in view, namely that of obtaining the collective opinion of intelligent agents of the Department on certain points with a view to the future improvement of the establishments of the Department. Hence, I shall again be glad for information and at doubt not of your willingness to give it when required.

With regard to your obtaining a change of State, I do not see how it is at the time to be effected, or how for recently.
been adopted to keep the Ion of Set
with their feet and legs. We well prosecute
your being removed to our station. On the
your health is such as to require a change of

The colonel of the 6th submits the

matters of the present Congress of the time
of the 8th of June to the council of the King
and would not then intrusted. He would

nonon approve any arrangement made

by colonel Freeman by which you can obtain exchange of stations.

We have at this time a great deal of

grief, foreign domination among us. I wish

present my sending the letter of my object to

you. With much respect,

I am, Sir, your obedient

J. Abbot.
If you will be pleased to present
me to Mr. Martin, learn of at your first
Office of the Comy. Secy of Subs.  
Washington, 22d. Sept. 1820

Sir:

An Abstract of sales to Officers of the
headed form will in future be required to accompany
your Monthly return of Provisions received & issued;
and a quarterly abstract of Sales to Officers to accompany
your quarterly Account Current, in which, you will credit
the United States with the amount of sales within the
Quarter. — The Assistant Com'y of Subsistence
is considered responsible for all Sales as soon as made.

The permission to sell provisions to Officers
is not intended to extend to a greater quantity than is
required for their Subsistence. —  

Your O. S. Serv.,

F. N. Clark
A. C. S.

St. Peters
The evidence is clear and must be submitted before

However, if you are preparing an article and need to

Your support in this important work is greatly appreciated.

The department cannot do without the help of many brave

Fellow Americans, we find ourselves in a situation that

You will find numerous instances of this

There was never a more dangerous time

The president, in his

Theodore Roosevelt

If you have any further questions or need additional

I urge you to provide whatever help you can

He in my mind that you find the

If there is anything I can do, please let me

Theodore Roosevelt

Date

Page

In 1881, Grover Cleveland
Keeper at Stour immediately stating the name of the
Patron in whose boat the deficiency has occurred
and such circumstances connected with the case as may
Come to your Knowledge.

Your Monthly return having
for July has been received and will be taken
up for examination in due course.

I am for Respectfully
June 20th
of Subsistence

S. W. Clark
Aprecipient
J. Peters
Office of the Commissary of Subs.
Washington 24th Dec. 1824

Sir,

In calculating 9 Barrels 32 lbs. of Flour @ 3$ 43 c. in your account Sales to officers no. 3, to support your September account entries, you have made it $19.40. It should be $11.24, making the balance then due the United States $274.100.

[Handwritten calculations]

194
176.4
179.7
539.1
768.8
61.09.8

James

Your no. 4 Receipt

W. B. B. A. Com. Ex. C.
Of Subsistence

Dr. Nathan Clark,
Ass. Com. of Subs.
River P. Peters
Salute to

Lieutenant Matthew Clark

Assistant Secretary of War

Brig. J. F. Lewis
18th June
Circular

Office of the Com. of Pub. to
Washington 11 Jan'y 1821

Sir,

Enclosed is the Form of an Estimate of Funds required, which you will conform to in future.

Yours, Sir,

Your mo. Ob. Serv.

G. E. Esq.
Office of the Com. Secy of Tre.
Washington 31st March 1824

Received in copy of mine of 23rd Dec. 1823. The balance due by you to the United States for quarter of 1824 is $1,576. 97 in lieu of $1,568. 50

Sincerely
Respectfully,
S. Jones, Secy. Treas.
Gen. W. C. G. S.

L. Nathan Clarke
Adj. Gen. of Sls.
River & Rice
Officer of the Commissary General of subs.
Washington 23rd December 1820

Sir,

I am calculating 9 bands of flour at $3.40 each, in your account of subs. to officers No. 2 to support your September account current; you have made it $4,700, it should be $4,750, making the balance there due to the United States $3510.

For your most ob. serv.

Geo. Gibson
Comm. Gen. of Subs.

A. Nathan Clark
Capt. Com. of Subs.

Copy

John P. Peters
Office of the Com. of Officiers
Washington 1st May 1821

I have this day written to Mr. Stuart of

Paw, directing him not to send you any more fresh beef

without instructions to that effect, from this office

Mr. Adam D. Stuart has been recently here and

exhibited the enquired authority from Lewis Skidmore to

contract for fresh beef, and assured me the beef

was already at St. Peters. I declined making

a contract and required that you send me the advice

of Colonel Snelling. Purchase in the most advantageous
terms possible such quantity of fresh beef as may

be deemed necessary for which purchase you are

thereto authorised to draw on me at sight.

From the anxiety evinced by Mr. Stuart to make

a contract I am induced to suppose that you can

purchase at a lower price than he himself paid for

Olive. It may be judicious to keep them

Olive.
Your authority to purchase until the purchase is effected

I am for your

Oct. 6th

Geo. Washington

Sir, N. Clark

Our Law of War

J. Peters
De Giron informing me that he has received
the Bible back to be

Lieutenant M. Clark
Capt. Comm. of Subs.

A. Peters
Office of the Commandant of Fort
Washington, D.C. June 1821

Sir,

When you receive the provisions shipped this spring for the subsistence of the garrison at St. Peters, you will make out and forward to this office an estimate exhibiting the probable present cost of provisions you will have on hand 31st. May 1822. You are required to correspond freely with this department on subjects connected with your duties at St. Peters—your suggestions relative to the best mode of supplying and keeping cattle, the periods when they should be fattened for or purchased are particularly desirable. You are also required to correspond with Mr. Jacob Brown, 2d Jan'y of Nob at St. Louis who will be hereafter charged with forwarding supplies to the upper posts. A duplicate of all estimates furnished by the office will be furnished by you to Mr. Brown and a copy of all estimates made at St. Brown are required at the office.

Wm. Clark
Commandant

St. W. Clark
St. Louis Missouri
Office of the Com. Sec. of Subsistence
Washington June 10, 1821

Sir,

The Sec. of War directs that St. Peters be stocked with Swine.

You will therefore purchase at such time as your Com. Officer may order a number of breeding Sows not to exceed one hundred. Should you be able to procure them from Prairie du Chien, and on reasonable terms, you will do so, but if you fail in that quarter you may contract for them at some other point nearer St. Louis; and should you have to engage the services of L. Brown at St. Louis let them be such an
understanding between yourself to him
as will prevent a double purchase.
The Contractor must be at all risk
& expense until the bags are safely
delivered at the post and payment
is only to be made on delivery.

Respectfully,
your M. ob't serv.
Geo. R. Thomas

L5 N. Clark
5" 8 ft.
66' 50" East of Sabretrce
15 Piers
Office of the Commissary of Sub
Washington 25 June 1821

To

Provisions issued to the Hospital at St.

Petos (proposed the Surgeon avail himself of the
regulations relative to commuted Hospital rates) will be
charged at the following rates until the Valley

4 m

Per pound — 5"=

Fresh Beef — at contract price

Flour per pound — 2d. =

Whiskey per gallon — 36. =

Tobacco per pound — 5s. =

Candles — 16. =

Salt per bushel — 150. =

Vinegar per barrel — 16. =

Beans, Peas, etc. — 150. =

I am to inform you of the

Geo. Bibb, Commissary

[Signature]
Office of the Commissary General of Subsistence.

Washington, August 13th. 1821:

SIR,

Accompanying this, you will receive a copy of the regulations of this Department, together with a set of forms. The regulations having undergone some change, your attention is called to them, and particularly to that part regulating sales to officers, issues to women, extra issues, issues of soap, candles, and vinegar to the hospital, when the rations are not commuted, issues of peas or beans, wastage, additional compensation to soldiers detailed for duty in subsistence store-houses, and the sale of empty casks, boxes and barrels. It may also be well to apprise you, that the general order of the 11th. of May, 1820, (prohibiting the issue of whiskey to women and boys under 18 years of age,) is still in force.

Enclosed is a bond, which you will have executed, and return to this office as soon as practicable; and I have to request that the receipt of all communications from this office, be promptly acknowledged.

I am Sir, your most obedient Servant.

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
To Nathan Clark
Due Aug 20
Ph Ford
Office of the Commissary General of Subsistence.

Washington, August 13th, 1821:

SIR,

Accompanying this, you will receive a copy of the regulations of this Department, together with a set of forms. The regulations having undergone some change, your attention is called to them, and particularly to that part regulating sales to officers, issues to women, extra issues, issues of soap, candles, and vinegar to the hospital, when the rations are not commuted, issues of peas or beans, wastage, additional compensation to soldiers detailed for duty in subsistence store-houses, and the sale of empty casks, boxes, and barrels. It may also be well to apprise you, that the general order of the 11th of May, 1820, (prohibiting the issue of whiskey to women and boys under 18 years of age,) is still in force.

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I am Sir, your most obedient Servant.

[Signature]
Lt. R. Clark
Acting P. T. B. E.
H. Peters
Office of the Commissary General of Washington 26th August 1827

Sir, Joseph Blewett of France, do claim herewith a proposition to the department to furnish beef at eight cents a pound and suffering under a written security for the faithful performance of his contract. I understand the proposition to be, that you will furnish fresh beef in such quantities and at such prices as may be required for the daily or weekly consumption of the troops. You are required to consult with the commanding officer on the subject, and report his opinion to me. On the most part of your own in the propriety of entering into a contract on the terms proposed. You will also state to what period the fresh beef will run or hand will be taken at the Champs at the usual rate of issuing.

[Signature]

Geo. T. M. 1827

[Signature]

[Signature]