

Head Quarters 8<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt.  
Buffalo, Va. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

Col. Lucian Loeser  
8<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt.  
Wheeling, Va.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a bill of S. Benedict against either the U. S. or Va. Government for subsistence furnished about 400 of our Regt. while on an expedition last October. This man lives at the mouth of Coal River about 10 miles below Charleston. Our men remained there two or three days & did much damage. They at first thought he was a Secessionist & broke open his store taking many goods which he could not put in this bill. He says \$400 would not cover his loss by them but will be satisfied if he can get this bill paid.

I have examined into this matter pretty thoroughly and think he should have his money as between the Secessionist and Union Troops he is pretty near used up. The Governor can pay it out of his recruiting fund. Will you use my endeavors to have him do so. I have the honor to be

Yours Most Respectfully  
John H. Oley  
Major