

Subsistence Department
Office "Purchasing Commissary"
Lawson, N. C. January 23^d 1865

Sir.

On assuming the duties of my office, I deem it beneficial to the interests of the Producers, as well as to those of the producers that a cordial understanding should exist between the C. S. represented by me as Purchasing Commissary of your district and the farmers, especially those Bonded & Detailed.

I shall do everything in my power to make your task an easy one. I shall furnish bags for grains and wagon transportation wherever it shall be impracticable on the part of the farmer otherwise to convey the stores due the Govt.

I shall on the other hand insist on the delivery to me or my agents solely of all the meats & produce due the Govt by Bonded & detailed Farmers in Edgecombe & Martin. - and shall hold that class of Farmers strictly accountable for the delivery of their supplies in any other way except that portion of their surplus sold at schedule rates to soldiers families.

I therefore request you to acquaint me at once with the amount on your bond still to be delivered and the amt. of surplus still on hand and whether or no you have wagon transportation, so that I may at once take steps to remove it. - I shall receive tithes of all

supplies of all farmers in my district

Respectfully
J. M. Stanley
Capt & acs

Mr. Elias Carr
Sparta