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JOHN B. KLEPPER.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS, TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT IN THE CASE OF JOHN B. KLEPPER AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

January 20, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 18, 1902.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. DAVID B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional No. 10058. John B. Klepper *v.* The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court. on a preliminary inquiry, finds that John B. Klepper, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed May 20, 1901.

Court of Claims. Congressional Case, No. 10058. John B. Klepper *v.* The United States.

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case, for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 13th day of February, 1900.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 20th day of May, 1901, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

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The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 23d day of October, 1901.

Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by Franklin W. Collins, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Washington County, State of Tennessee, where he resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from him quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of $730, and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

Taken September 8, 1863:

2 horses, at $140 each	$280
1 new wagon	120
1 set of harness	30
300 bushels nice corn	300
Total	730

The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACTS.

There was taken from the claimant, in Washington County, State of Tennessee, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described, which at the time was reasonably worth the sum of six hundred and ten dollars ($610).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 2, 1901.

A true copy.

Test this 17th day of January, 1902.

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JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

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