

APPENDIX.

I.

RULE 20. SECTION 1.¹

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

OCTOBER TERM, 1886.

MONDAY, January 10, 1886.

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE announced as follows :

It is proper to call the attention of the bar to the practical operation of a rule which was adopted for the convenience of parties, without being inconvenient to the court. During this term there have been submitted under the rule fifty cases ; and of these, thirty-one came in during the last week, the ninety days having expired on Saturday last. Had they been submitted ratably, as the term progressed, they could all have been disposed of without interfering with the current business, and without being at all burdensome to the court. As it is, we are oppressed with a great accumulation of this kind of business at a time in the term when we have a large number of other cases under consideration.

Unless the practice is changed, we shall be compelled to abolish this rule, or make some special order in reference to its administration.

¹ See 108 U. S. 584.

II.

NOTE TO SHIPMAN *v.* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
ante, 148.

The case of *Shipman v. District of Columbia* in the Court of Claims is reported in 18 C. Cl. 291-339. The findings of fact made by the Court of Claims occupy about thirty-two pages of the report. The opinion, however, states the facts upon each point decided with sufficient fullness. The syllabus of the reported case, and the opinion of the Court of Claims referred to in the opinion of this court on page 148, *ante*, are as follows:

"SHIPMAN *v.* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

In October, 1872, the secretary of the Board of Public Works of the District of Columbia wrote to the claimant that the Board had awarded him a contract at Board rates. The Board had, in fact, awarded a contract, but had not fixed rates. The claimant, after seeing the engineer of the district, went to work in 1872, and rendered bills from time to time, and was paid at less rates than Board rates. In 1873 he resumed work, and rendered bills from time to time, and was paid at the same rates as in 1872. The claimant having done a quantity of macadam pavement on the work which was not called for by the agreement, the District recognized it and paid him for it. The Board of Public Works in 1872 ordered claimant's contract to be reduced to writing, but it was not reduced to writing and signed until December, 1873, when it was signed by Cooke, Shepherd, and Magruder on behalf of the Board. Cooke was a member in 1872, but had ceased to be one before December, 1873. The contract as signed corresponded in rates with the bills as rendered and paid, and they were not Board rates. Claimant contends that the contract, by reason of mutual mistakes, varied from the intent of the parties, and that the rates of payment should have been board rates, and asked the court, as a Court of Equity, to reform it. *Held*: That the practical construction given by both parties showed that there was no mistake; that the contract, as signed, expressed the will of the parties; that when signed it related back to the work done previous to signature; and that it was immaterial whether it was valid as a contract, since, if invalid, it was still evidence of the intention of the parties.

In 1874 the contract was renewed and extended so as to take in a much larger work. The claimant constructed a wall which contained more cubic yards of masonry than the plans of the engineer of the district called for. It appeared that this was done with the knowledge of the commissioners and of the assistant engineer, and that there was no concealment, and that it might have been known to the chief engineer. *Held*: That money paid for this, amounting to \$20,459.19, could not be recovered back on a counter-claim alleging it to have been paid under a mistake of fact.

The contract called for the construction of the wall at five dollars per cubic yard, and said nothing about excavations for it. *Held*: That the claimant was bound to make the excavations for the wall without extra pay for it.

The contract called for a lining of coarse gravel in the rear of the retaining wall and made no provision for payment. There was no gravel near the work. *Held*: That the claimant was entitled to compensation for this work.

The contract called for a coping of ordinary stone on the wall. By agreement of parties North River bluestone was substituted at an extra compensation of forty cents per foot. Claimant contended that this was per square foot; defendant, that it was per running foot.

Claimant contended further that he was entitled to be paid for the coping as masonry. Defendant did not deny this. Defendant paid an arbitrary rate of seventy-four and one-half cents per running foot, which claimant accepted. *Held*: That this was a settlement of that part of the dispute, and that claimant could not recover for the coping as masonry in addition.

Claimant under an extension of the contract did work on another road. His work was measured, and a bill aggregating about \$15,000 was rendered. The commissioners made out a new bill, fixing the rates so as to produce an aggregate of about \$22,000, in order to make a payment in bonds of the district equivalent to a payment in cash, and paid the bill so made in bonds. *Held*: That a payment of a claim against the district in its bonds at less than par was illegal; that this was an attempt to do indirectly what could not be done directly; and that in stating an account it must be treated as a cash payment of the face of the bonds."

"DAVIS, J., delivered the opinion of the court.

It is but simple justice to the counsel on both sides to say at the outset that the court has derived the greatest assistance from their able and full discussion of the complicated issues involved in this case, both in their briefs and in their oral arguments.

The items in the claimant's bill of particulars depend, in some measure, upon the force to be given to a contract known as contract No. 561.

In the autumn of 1871 the claimant offered to put the canal road between Aqueduct and Chain Bridges in order. Apparently his terms were not acceptable, for no notice was taken of them.

A year later the Board ordered that a contract should be awarded him for this work, and directed that he be notified of its action.

An attempt was made to connect this act with the claimant's acts of the previous year; but the findings show no such connection, and in our opinion there was none.

The secretary of the Board at once wrote to the claimant, but instead of notifying him of the real doings of the Board, he notified him that a contract had been awarded him 'at Board rates,' which had not been alluded to by the Board in their action.

The claimant before commencing work saw the defendant's officers in relation to the work and the contract, but what took place can only be inferred from subsequent acts of both parties.

The claimant did work to the amount of a few thousand dollars in the autumn of 1872, for which he was paid in part. In the spring of 1873 he resumed work and continued at it until the autumn, when a final measurement was had of the work done to that time. For all this work he was paid at Board rates with two exceptions. 1st. He was paid for stone masonry at \$5 per cubic yard, while the Board rate was \$6.50 per perch. 2d. He was paid nothing for haul. So far as we can gather from the findings, his bills were rendered at the rates at which they were paid, and the payments were received without any intimation that the amounts allowed were too small.

During the progress of the work the claimant had put macadam on the road by direction of one of the Board of Public Works. This was formally recognized as a part of his contract in November, 1873, and in December, 1873, the contract, No. 561, under which all the work was supposed to have been done, was formally executed.

The findings show that both parties intended to embody in this formal

instrument, and supposed they had embodied in it, all the agreements under which the one had been doing work and the other had been paying money. The instrument was antedated for the purpose, as the findings further show, of making it operative during the whole period of the work.

The claimant now, however, makes two objections to this instrument:

In the first place it was signed on behalf of the Board of Public Works by Henry D. Cooke, Alexander R. Shepherd, and James A. Magruder. Cooke was a member of the Board in October, 1872, when the contract with the claimant was actually made, but he had ceased to be a member in December, 1873, when the formal evidence of it was actually signed. Shepherd and Magruder were members throughout. The total number of the Board was five. The claimant maintains that the instrument, not having been signed by a majority of the Board, is invalid.

It is unnecessary for us to decide whether he is correct in this contention, for the findings show that the claimant signed that paper for the purpose of showing what his own understanding of the contract was. If, notwithstanding the written instrument, the contract still rested in parol, the court could have no stronger evidence to show what the claimant intended it to be. If, on the other hand, the written contract is valid, the practical result on the issues in this suit is the same.

In the second place, the claimant maintains that he engaged to do the work at Board rates; that when the written contract varied from Board rates by excluding haul, and paying masonry at only \$5 a cubic yard, it was a variation made without his knowledge, and against the intent of both parties, and that these provisions of the contract having been inserted by mistake, the court should reform the contract by restoring Board rates as the measure of compensation.

This theory rests for its support upon: 1st. The letter of the secretary informing the claimant that a contract had been awarded him at Board rates. 2d. The testimony of the claimant that he supposed the rates stated in the written instrument were Board rates.

We have already seen that the letter of the secretary was not justified or authorized by the action of the Board. The claimant's contention therefore rests mainly upon his own unsupported testimony. On the other hand, it is contradicted by his own consistent conduct, from October, 1872, when he began work under the original contract, to January, 1876, when he finished under the last extension of the contract. During all this time he rendered accounts and received pay for masonry at \$5, and for grading without claiming haul. We cannot shut our eyes to these practical acts of construction. We think that before he began work he must have known that the secretary had made a mistake. We are also of opinion that when he signed the contract, in December, 1873, he knew what its purport was, and that it expresses the agreement as he understood it.

Having disposed of this general question, we will take up the items of the claim and counter-claim in detail.

The claimant's bill of particulars consists of fourteen items, thirteen of which are in the original petition and one in the amended petition.

Four of these were abandoned at the trial, namely:

Stone excavation, 1661.53 cubic yards of haul as above, at 20.62½	
cents per cubic yard	\$342.60
114 cubic yards of masonry, at \$5 per cubic yard	570.00
Repairing road at above point	41.00
120 cubic yards of cobble-stone used by overseer of repairs, at 75	
cents per cubic yard	90.00

The item 'Balance due on Conduit road, \$325.67,' was amended at the trial, so as to make it a claim for a receiving basin, \$71.25. We do not find this claim to be sustained.

There was also a claim made in the original petition for \$33,679.53 for difference between the face value of certificates and the cash price for the work. In view of previous decisions, this claim was not pressed, and it is unsupported by proof.

There was also a claim set up in the original petition for \$1328.47 for difference between the amount audited to the claimant and the amount paid to him. We have disposed of this by Finding XVIII, which states in substance that it is not sustained by proof.

We will take up the remaining items in classified chronological order, and consider them when pertinent to do so in connection with the counter-claims.

The following items stand by themselves and have no relation to the counter-claims:

33,232 cubic yards of haul 1650 feet over 200 feet, at .01½ cents	
per hundred feet, = 20.62½ cents per cubic yard	\$6854.10
913.39 cubic yards of stone masonry, audited at \$5 per cubic yard,	
which should have been at \$6.50, the Board rates, making a	
difference of	1370.09

These claims are for work done before December, 1873, and are founded upon the alleged mistake as to the rates. For the reasons already given they cannot be allowed. The claimant received his contract price both for haul and masonry, and has no just claim to any further compensation for either.

The next series of claims grows out of an extension of contract No. 561 so as to cover the construction of an expensive wall on the south side of the Canal road and the completion of that road as a first-class road. It was made by the Commissioners after the abolition of the Board of Public Works, and was a much more extensive contract than the original.

Under this extension the claimant now makes the following claims, which are set forth in his original petition:

492 cubic yards coping, which should have been measured as	
stone masonry, at \$5 per cubic yard	\$2460.00
4624 cubic yards of earth excavation necessary for foundation of	
retaining wall on Canal road, at 40 cents per cubic yard . . .	1849.60
4528 cubic yards of broken stone necessary for drainage back of	
retaining walls, at \$4.50 per cubic yard	20,376.60

And the following in his amended petition:

5000 yards excavation for the purpose of constructing the lining	
in the rear of the retaining walls, at 40 cents per cubic yard .	\$2000.00

In this connection the defendant sets up the following items of counter-claim:

To overpayment, by mistake of fact, on account of stone masonry in canal wall in excess of amount required by contract, 4091.83 cubic yards, at \$5	\$20,459.15
To overpayment on account of coping, amount paid in mistake of fact	\$9887.01
Correct amount due	5320.68
Excess overpaid	4566.33
To overpayment, by mistake of fact, for grading:	
Amount paid —	
For excavation	\$9665.40
For haul	7893.41
	\$17,558.81
Amount properly due	782.88
Excess overpaid	\$16,775.93

It will be observed that these claims and counter-claims relate to: 1st. The retaining wall; 2d. The foundation for it; 3d. The lining back of it for drainage; 4th. The coping on it; and, 5th. The grading of the road itself. We will consider them in that order.

1. *The wall.*—The claimant makes no demand on this account. The defendant asks judgment for a large sum for alleged overpayment. The facts are briefly these:

The wall was some three miles in length, and in some places as much as ten feet high. In the very outset the claimant varied from the plans and specifications by constructing it wider than they called for. He gave his reasons for these changes to the assistant engineers of the district and to the Commissioners, and they assented to the change. From time to time, during the work, measurements were taken and returned to the chief engineer, and passed upon by him and payments made in accordance with them; and all these measurements included the variations thus made. The Commissioners knew of it, and the reasons for it, and consented to it; the assistant engineers knew of it, and the engineer-in-chief might have known of it if he had paid personal attention to it. There was no attempt at concealment or fraud. When the final payment was made, which is now sought to be recovered back, it was done with the knowledge of the Commissioners, and by personal direction of one of them, and with the knowledge and consent of Assistant Engineer Oertly, who was acting as chief in the absence of Mr. Hoxie. The ground of the defendant's claim for repayment is that the engineer-in-chief did not assent to the changes which involved the construction of 4091.83 yards of masonry beyond his plans. We think this claim cannot be maintained.

The defendant further maintains that in any event there is an overmeasurement of 661 feet in this wall. In support of this contention it refers to a measurement made by McComb, on behalf of the defendant, which is

found to be less by that amount than Franklin's measurement, on which the payment was made.

McComb's testimony was given January 24, 1882. On the 21st October, 1882, the defendant called Franklin as a witness, and made no inquiry of him on this point, although he did inquire as to other mistakes. Under these circumstances we cannot set aside Franklin's measurement and find a payment made under it to have been made in mistake of fact.

2. *The foundation for the wall.*—The terms of the contract must govern our decision. It required the claimant to 'construct a stone retaining or parapet wall on the south side of the Little Falls road, between the Aqueduct and Chain Bridges, or at such points along said road as may be authorized by the Commissioners, at \$5 per cubic yard. . . . The present retaining walls to be removed to such depth from the top as may be directed, and the foundation inspected and approved by the engineer of the District of Columbia before relaying the wall, which is to be done in cement mortar.'

A portion of the new wall was constructed in places where there was no old wall. It is admitted that the contract gives the claimant no claim for the labor in getting ready for the foundations in places where there was a previous wall. The claim is confined to excavation in places where there was no previous wall. The instrument extending the contract makes no other provision for payment except that already quoted. We are of opinion that it requires the claimant to do all the work necessary for the finished masonry at the agreed price of \$5 unless there is something in the old instrument which gives him further pay for excavation.

Turning to that, we find these provisions only, 'Excavations and refilling, forty (40) cents per cubic yard, to be measured in excavation only,' and 'grading, thirty (30) cents for each and every cubic yard of earth, sand, or gravel excavated and hauled.'

It is plain that the provision in regard to grading does not apply to this case. We think it equally clear that the other does not. This is not a case of excavation and refilling, like a sewer trench; and the rate of payment agreed upon for such double work is not applicable to this.

There being nothing in the old contract to control the plain language of the extension, we must decide against the claimant on this item.

3. *The lining back of the wall for drainage.*—The specifications called for 'a lining of coarse gravel twelve (12") inches in thickness carried up in rear of the retaining wall,' and the plans showed this in detail. There was no gravel along the line of the road, and it was mutually agreed, during the construction of the work, that macadam material should be substituted for the gravel.

The contract is silent as to the rate of pay for this work, which has been satisfactorily performed.

The defendant maintains that it was intended to be paid for by the price allowed for the masonry in the wall.

The claimant contends that he is entitled to compensation, 1st, for the labor in excavating the place for the reception of the lining at the rate allowed by the old contract for excavations and refilling; 2d, for the lining to be measured as masonry.

It is plain that this work of gravelling in the rear of the wall, as contemplated by the contract, was a work of considerable labor and expense. We cannot think that either party intended it to be paid for in computing the masonry. In our opinion it is a *casus omissus*. The parties have accidentally neglected to fix a price for this work.

The claimant has done the work; the District has received the benefit of it; and it only remains for the court to examine the findings and ascertain whether they furnish the means for fixing its value.

In Finding XXVI will be found the final measurement of the work done under this contract certified to by Mr. Bodfish, assistant engineer, and Mr. Oertly, assistant engineer for the lieutenant engineer. This measurement contains the following item: '4528 cubic yards of broken stone filling at \$1.25, \$5660, if allowed.'

The item was not allowed at that time. The court allows it now as the measure of the amount of such filling, and of its value, and in full for the demands in the claimant's petition and amended petition, on account of such filling, and of the excavation for it.

4. *The coping on the wall.* — The contract called for a 'coping to consist of selected stones six to ten inches thick, jointed; in length of not less than two feet, and must project over the parapet wall not less than two nor more than four inches on each side, and must be so disposed along the line of the wall that no two in juxtaposition shall vary in thickness nor in width more than three-quarters of an inch.'

After laying about a thousand feet of this coping the claimant wrote to the Commissioners that it was expensive, arduous, and unsatisfactory work to make such coping, and made a proposition in the following language: 'That I be allowed to use for the coping North River or other suitable coping stone, for which I will be allowed an extra compensation of forty (40) cents per foot. This stone will cost me, delivered on the ground, nearly (1) dollar per foot, but I am willing to bear more than one half the expense, only asking the District government to assume the proportion I have named.'

To this proposition Mr. Hoxie, on behalf of the District, made the following reply: 'You are requested to call at this office to execute the necessary papers for an extension to your contract, No. 561, with the late Board of Public Works, to include the finishing of the parapet wall along the Little Falls road with the North River coping, at forty cents per lineal foot, payable in 3.65 bonds at par.'

The claimant did not call and execute the proposed extension, but instead thereof went on with the proposed change, and the court is now called upon from this correspondence and the acts of the parties to decide what their agreements really were.

Assuming the average thickness of the coping called for by the contract to be 8 inches and its average width to be 30 inches, the contract price for it, viz., \$5.00 per cubic yard, would amount to 30.8 cents per running foot.

The diminution in the size caused by using North River bluestone, taking Hoxie's measurements in Finding XXVIII, reduced the contract price for it, measured as masonry, to about 15.4 cents per running foot.

As some compensation for this reduction, as well as the increased cost

of the proposed change (estimated by the claimant at nearly \$1.00 per foot), the claimant proposed that he should be allowed an extra compensation of 40 cents per foot.

He did not indicate whether he meant 40 cents per square foot or 40 cents per lineal foot. He now says that he intended square feet, and argues that the engineer must have so understood him, because any other construction would be inconsistent with the prices of bluestone.

Lieutenant Hoxie's answer may be construed in two ways: 1st, either as an acceptance of the claimant's proposition, defining the undefined term in it to be a lineal and not a square foot; or, 2d, as a counter-proposal of 40 cents a running foot as the entire compensation. We think the first construction the one most consistent with the facts in the case, and the one which gives force to the whole correspondence. It is also the only one consistent with the action of Lieutenant Hoxie at a subsequent stage, when he sanctioned a measurement of the work which contemplated an allowance to the claimant for the coping as masonry, and an additional payment by the foot.

When the parties came to settle after the work was done, both agreed that the claimant was entitled to be paid for the coping as masonry (which we have seen to be about 15.4 cents per running foot), and at as high a rate as 40 cents extra per lineal foot, or an aggregate of about 55.4 cents per running foot. The claimant contended that he was entitled to a gross allowance of 40 cents per square foot, which, allowing the coping to be two feet wide, would be 40 cents a running foot additional, or about 95.4 cents per running foot. The parties compromised by fixing upon a rate of $74\frac{1}{2}$ cents a running foot. We cannot say that this payment was made in mistake of fact. We think that it was made and received as a settlement of a disputed item. Regarding it in this light, we can neither on the one hand set aside the payments already made to enable the defendant to recover on its counter-claim, nor can we on the other hand award to the claimant the contract price for the coping as masonry, since the claim for it, however well founded it may have been originally, entered into the settlement by which both parties accepted a rate of compensation which neither contemplated when the work was done.

5. *The grading of the road.*—The claimant demands nothing further for grading this road. The defendant asks to recover back \$16,775.93, which it says was overpaid by mistake of fact for excavation and for haul in grading.

In the final measurement of the work by Mr. Oertly, in January, 1876, which is set forth in Finding XXVI, the claimant was allowed for 32,218 cubic yards of grading and for a similar amount of haul. The material in these two items was the same.

The defendant first contends that 15,185.82 cubic yards of this material was wrongfully allowed by mistake as grading and haul, because, it says, it was allowed and paid for as macadam, and constituted a part of the 45,557.47 square yards of macadam measured and allowed in the same measurement. The court has in Finding XXIX found this to be so.

The defendant further contends that 14,422 cubic yards of the grading and haul allowed in said measurement was in fact filling under the gutters,

which by the extension of the contract was to be done without charge. As to this the court has found that it does not appear that there was any mistake of fact in that measurement.

The result is that the court allows the defendant for one payment by mistake of fact—

For 15,185.82 cubic yards grading, at 30 cents	\$4555.75
For 15,185.82 cubic yards haul, at 24½ cents	3720.53
	<hr/> \$8276.28

The next items in consecutive order relate to what is known as the New Cut road, a road near to and connected with the Canal (or Little Falls) road, on which the claimant was at work in August, 1875.

It appears that this New Cut road was badly damaged by storms in that month. The three years' experience which the District authorities had had at that time with the claimant as a contractor appears to have inspired confidence, and in the emergency Mr. Hoxie addressed the following letter, on the 31st August, to the claimant:

'You are authorized to repair the roads and culverts in the vicinity of the work now being performed by you along the Little Falls road which have been damaged by the late storms, as extra work under your contract No. 561 with the late Board of Public Works. You will present this order with your bill for the work, which will be done under the direction of Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Carroll, overseers.'

No answer was made to this communication, but as the claimant at once went on with the work he must be presumed to have accepted the proposal.

In December he rendered an itemized bill, amounting in the aggregate to over \$15,000, and asked for measurement and payment under his contract. This contract called for payment in cash. The defendant had no cash. Under direction of the Commissioners a bill was made out and certified to at rates which produced an aggregate that would make a payment in certificates equivalent to a payment of the bill rendered in cash, and the claimant was so paid in certificates.

We do not apprehend that there was anything immoral or intrinsically dishonest in this transaction. The parties assumed what was a manifest fact, that work to be paid for in depreciated securities was nominally worth higher rates than work to be paid for in cash. But the act was clearly illegal. The defendant having agreed to pay cash, was legally bound to pay cash; but when it found itself unable to do so, the law forbade it from parting with its securities to a creditor at less than par. It is too clear for argument that what it did was an attempt to do indirectly what the law forbade it to do directly, which a familiar rule of law makes an impossibility.

This payment in certificates to the amount of \$22,182.92 must therefore be taken to be a cash payment to that amount on account of the work done on the New Cut road. It is the only payment that has been made on that account. Our labors in this respect are, therefore, now reduced to ascertaining the amount of the work done by the claimant on that road.

On the 14th December, 1876, Lieutenant Hoxie addressed to the Commissioners a letter in which he said: 'I transmit herewith final measure-

ment of work done on New Cut road by J. J. Shipman, under contract No. 561 of the late Board of Public Works, amounting to \$24,352.29.'

The measurements inclosed in this letter show the following apparent variations from contract rates: An allowance of \$6.50 for masonry, and an allowance for haul. The counsel for the defendant ask us to strike these items from the measurement.

These measurements were made after the present controversy arose, and undoubtedly express Lieutenant Hoxie's well-considered judgment as to the claimant's rights. There may have been good reason for allowing the haul, and the masonry may have been of a different quality from the rubble cement, for which the contract fixes the price at \$5. We are not disposed to assume the responsibility of changing these items.

Among the items included in this measurement were 1090.8 perches of dry wall. The contract fixes no price for such labor and material. Lieutenant Hoxie estimates it to be worth \$2.50 per perch, and allows that rate. The claimant contends that it is worth more than that, and introduced considerable proof to sustain his contention. We have reached the conclusion that the rate allowed by Lieutenant Hoxie is below the prices paid for such wall at the time of its construction, and have found that it was worth \$3.50 per perch instead of \$2.50, as allowed.

As the result of this we disallow the counter-claim on account of the work on the New Cut road, and allow the claimant as follows:

Work done as by Hoxie's estimate	\$24,352.50
1098.8 perches dry wall, \$1 per perch additional	1,098.80
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	\$25,451.30
Less payments in certificates at par	22,182.92
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	\$3,268.38

The judgment of the court is as follows:

The court orders, adjudges, and decrees that the contract between the claimant and the defendant referred to in claimant's petition as contract No. 561 correctly and truly sets forth the understanding and intention of the parties, and has not by accident, inadvertence, mistake, or clerical error failed to set forth the same, and ought not to be reformed.

And the court further orders, adjudges, and decrees that the claimant has established the following items of claim against the defendant set forth in his petition or the several amendments thereto, to wit:

A claim on account of 4528 cubic yards of broken stone for drainage back of retaining walls, at \$1.25 per cubic yard	\$5660.00
A claim on account of balance due for work on the New Cut road,	3268.38
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Making a total of	\$8928.38

And has failed to establish the residue of the claims set forth in said petition and amendments.

And the court further orders, adjudges, and decrees that the defendant has established the following items of counter-claim against the claimant, to wit:

Overpayment by mistake of fact for 15,185.82 cubic yards of grading on the Canal road, at 30 cents per cubic yard	\$4555.75
Overpayment by mistake of fact for 15,185.82 cubic yards of haul on said Canal road, at $24\frac{1}{2}$ cents per cubic yard	3720.52
Making a total of	<u>\$8276.27</u>

And has failed to establish the residue of the counter-claims set forth in its bill of particulars.

And the court further orders, adjudges, and decrees that the claimant shall have and recover of the defendant the sum of \$652.11, as due and payable on the 1st of January, 1876, being the difference between the said amount of claim allowed to the claimant and the said amount of counter-claim allowed to the defendant.

And the court further orders, adjudges, and decrees that except as to the said amount of claims so allowed to the claimant, all the claims demanded in the claimant's petition and the amendments thereto be disallowed, and the petition with reference to all the disallowed claims be dismissed.

And, further, that except as to the said amount of counter-claims so allowed to the defendant the defendant's counter-claims be dismissed.