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Fort Leavenworth, Ks

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Major,

In the settlement of my accounts for part of last year, the 2^d Comptroller has suspended my disbursements to the 13th. and 15th. Illinois Vol^s. "until evidence is shown that the non-Comd. officers and Privates have receipted for the amts received, no authority shown for the Captain to receipt for them."

You will recollect that I paid the said non-Comd. officers & privates \$10; each, of their monthly pay then due, through the Company Commanders, who receipted to me for the gross amounts to be divided up among the men.

From the circumstances of your asking of me dated upon which to pay the volunteers at Rolla, I presume you paid the Companies of those two regiments on their first muster Rolls. If so, will you oblige me by giving me such a certified statement as the remark of the Comptroller would seem to call for. I judge of course that the men receipted the muster-rolls, upon which their pay was computed, for the very period on which I paid advances, and therefore your certified statement that my advances of \$10 each was deducted as a stoppage would cover the whole ground. I do not mean to ^{ask you to} name the officers & men severally & individually

but such general reference to them as would cover
the objections of the Treas. Dept.

The Comptroller also adds the remark, "The State of
Illinois has filed her claim for clothing against the
Government" - but as I paid an advance on the pay
proper without reference to clothing allowance, I can
not see the application of the remark to my disbursements.

Please oblige me by all the light you can afford
to me in reference to my inquiry as above

Very Respectfully, Yrs

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