May 11th, 1847

Bureau of "Provisions & Clothing"

Sir,

The bid referred to in your letter of the 5th inst. was duly received, but not accepted, because your prices were higher than those of other bidders.

The information desired by you is presented annually to Congress, published with other public documents, but the practical use of the Bureau forecloses it being given to you in the way desired.

I am very respectfully,

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