

Wm. Sept.
Bureau of "Provisions & Clothing"
May 11' 1847

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 clerical force of the Bureau precludes it being given to you in the way desired.

I am very respectfully
Gideon Welles

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Navy Department
Letter

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