Dayton O.T. Dec 16th 1856.

Dear Sir

The enclosed voucher in my accounts sent to Washington City has been suspended for the reasons stated in the remarks made in the office of the Commissioner and offers upon an examination thereof - a copy of which is subjoined. These technical objections to the passing accounts subjects me to greater labour and expense requiring often days riding over the country to procure certificates as evidences of correctness - and additional vouchers - besides it is very annoying not only to me but to the parties to whom the money has been paid - but uncle Sam has some very close observing boys and who sometimes are disposed to dwell upon small things but they hold the key and we of course must submit. I have to request that you will give this matter your early attention and enlighten those raisacres as to how many feet ~~of what [illegible]~~ stew in a ton and what the rate would be per ton &c

I am Sir very respectfully
Your obt Servt

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