Executive Department
Columbia 26th Dec. 1836.

To the Hon. Henry
Smith, Secretary of
the Treasury

Sir,

You will be pleased to communicate to all the officers within your Department, the following regulations.

No Officer who was appointed to any situation by D. G. Burnet, President of the "ad Interim" Government, nor by any Officer under him, who has not performed actual duty, and the same coming within the knowledge of any of the officers of your Department, shall neither have an account Audited or paid, without a special order from the Executive Department.

No officer who has been appointed to a command in the army, where such command in fact did not exist, shall be paid for any charges which he may make.

Any officer who was appointed to a higher command than the number of Men under him would authorize, shall only be

entitled to the amount of pay and Rations which could be claimed by the officer whose proper command the number of Men would constitute agreeably to law.

Twenty eight Men would authorize a first Lieutenant; fifty six Men (Rank & file) would authorize one Captain, one first and one Second Lieutenant, four Sergeants and three Corporals; five companies (a Battallion) would authorize one Major and one Lieutenant Colonel; ~~would~~ ~~from~~ Two Battallions would form one Regi= =ment with an additional Colonel Commanding.

The Staff of the Regiment should consist of one Surgeon, two Surgeon's mates, one adj= =utant taken from the Lieutenats of the Line, with the additional pay of eighteen dollars per month; One Regimental Quarter master with the same additional pay also taken from the line of Lieutenants; one Sergeant Major taken from the non-com= =missioned officers; one Quarter Master Sergeant taken from the Sergeants of the Regiment; one Commissary Sergeant to each company.

These Regulations have been suggested

by the fact that officers, Quarter Masters, and Commissaries to an unheard of amount have existed in the army, without any legal authority or any necessity, all totally irresponsible, and if all the claims were met which will be ~~~~ preferred against the Government, growing out of this irregular course, it would be equal to the actual necessary expenses of the army in the field -

Your Obt Servt

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