

Genl. Bots
Maj. Genl. about
not being paid for
man's services

1817

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Dear Sir

I wish to say to you that the Paymaster Genl M. Hamer refused to pay me my full pay as Brig Genl for services rendered in the Census difficulties he paid me all except the Rations allowed by law if I understand the law in relation to the pay of the troops engaged in that service the Paymaster is to be governed by the law of Congress regulating the pay of arms of the United States and that law as is contained in Gordius Digest divides the pay of the officers in four classes pay in kind Rations extra Horses and Servants and in the two first classes of Pay is fixed and permanent for it is so laid down in the law that the officer may draw his full number of Rations in kind or in money at his option I confess that the two last classes of pay depends on the condition that the officer had the horses and Servants actually in the service for the time charged for the law allowed me twelve Rations per day at 20 cent per Ration I drew one Ration in kind per day leaving a balance of Eleven per day due me which the law allows me to commut and draw in money

the papers on file with the Paymaster will show
that there are black Nations coming to me for
forty odd days at Eleven Nations per day
now Sir I do hope that you will do yourself the
Credit and me the Justice to direct the Adgt
Genl to make me an additional allowance
and report the same to the Paymaster Genl
So that Mr J. Wilkinson the honor of this may
draw it and bring it up to me who is hereby authorized
to receipt ~~in~~ full for any amount that may be
allowed me

I am yours Respectfully

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