

Greensboro N. C.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1867.

E. B. French

Send Auditor of Treasury

Sir:

I have just received your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst which is in the following words. "Will you inform me what disposition you have made of the money left in your possession in the case of Jacob Numamaker 138 Pa. vols, and where Numamaker now is?" In reply to the first interrogatory permit me to ~~say~~ <sup>say</sup> that I have never had, in any possession, one cent of money, the property of Jacob Numamaker. In reply to the second, I could say that I know absolutely nothing in regard to the whereabouts of said Numamaker, and I may add that I have never, to my knowledge, seen or spoken to the said Numamaker, and if I were to meet him today should be unable to recognize him. And now, sir, as I have answered your inter-

perpetories, directly permit me to say that while I  
am perfectly willing to smart for my own faults,  
I have no especial desire to bear the knavery  
of others. I will now give a brief statement of all  
the facts in my knowledge referring to the Case of  
Jacob Numemaker. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of August last I met  
Mr Wm Maris who asked me if I had heard  
anything about "~~Numemaker's~~ Claim". He then asked  
if I was not the man who had the matter in charge, and ex-  
plained that it was a claim for back pay and Bounty. I  
replied that it was probably my partner Mr R. T.  
Pittengill. He said oh yes and that he had mistaken  
me for Mr Pittengill. I then informed him that  
although myself and Mr Pittengill were  
partners, I had nothing at all to do with  
any of the "claims" in his hands, though  
I had no doubt they would be properly  
prosecuted. Mr Pittengill was absent  
having gone North on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst.  
This was the first time - to my knowledge  
that I ever heard of the "~~Numemaker~~ Claim".  
On the next day I left for Philadelphia  
and did not return, nor did I see Mr  
Pittengill until the 19<sup>th</sup> of October

following: From that time until the first of Dec-  
ember following I was in treaty with Mr  
Pettingill for his share of the copartnership of which  
we were members. From the time I first heard of  
this claim, and for at least one month previous,  
I have never received one cent of money from  
Mr Pettingill, either for delivery to Mr. Minner  
Ker or for any other purpose. Mr Pettingill was  
the Bookkeeper and Cashier of the Copartner-  
ship and I find no entry of any amount  
due Mr. Minnerker, in the books of the  
firm, nor of any such ~~amount~~ <sup>account</sup> mentioned  
in the Schedule of debts given me by Mr Pettingill  
on occasion of my purchasing his interest.  
At this time (December 3<sup>d</sup> 1866) after I had pur-  
chased his interest in the firm he transferred  
to me his interest in certain claims which  
he said were then pending. These claims are enu-  
merated and are as follows: "Know all men by these  
present, that B. R. & S. Pettingill, hereby substitute in  
my place with full power to act as attorney  
in the following claims; Geo. Torrey of Guilford  
County North Carolina, as attorney in my stead  
and place, to wit; Henry C. Reice, Daniel C

C. Rice, — Hayerworth, David Macey  
Wm W Coltraine, David Louthery,  
I witness my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of December A.D. 1866.

Nothing was said of any claim of  
Winnamaker's nor were any traces of such a claim  
to be found in the papers left in my hands  
by Mr Pettengill. About one week af-  
ter this however, there came a letter from  
the Commissary Gen. of Prisoners, directed  
to Mr Pettengill. Supposing it to be some  
document in relation to the claims he  
had left in my hands, for I then supposed  
he had left all that he had had while in North  
Carolina, (as he had repeatedly informed me  
that he had not received a cent of money on  
any of them) I opened it and found it to be  
a claim <sup>of Winnamaker</sup> for commutation of rations, while  
held as a prisoner of war, returned for in  
formality and further proof. A day or two  
after I saw Mr Muris and as he seemed  
to have some interest in the matter, I showed  
him the papers among which was the discharge  
of the said Winnamaker with an endorse-  
ment by Col. Taylor Paymaster, of "Paid  
in full \$438 — Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1866 —"

1866, <sup>before</sup> ~~at~~ which time all my dealings  
with the said attorney had been closed.  
He never said a word to me with regard  
to Mammoth, that I can recollect, though  
he has repeatedly told me that he had not re-  
ceived a cent from any of the claims filed  
since he came to this place. I never knew  
anything about the claims which he had in  
his hands, except those of Reece and Eslinger.  
The former of which was left with myself and the latter  
I know nothing about. If Mr. Pettengill used  
the money received for the benefit of the co-partnership,  
he must have abstracted as much more to de-  
vote to his own use.

Letter from the  
Second Auditor

Recd the reply

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