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Copy Extract from my letter of February 8, 1868
 to Mr. M. L. Lewis

I have noted your and Mr. Copping's remarks
 about stores being sent for 400 persons over. I thought
 the quantity of meat & meat stuffs sent, I think
 the quantity would have been quite sufficient
 but not some of the other articles. It seems
 from the terms of Mr. Copping's letter
 on the subject of support, that you have lost
 sight of the fact that connected with the
 support of emigrants, there are many important
 items of expense besides the provisions
 & emigrants, all of which it is expected
 are to be met from the Indian Dept. In
 instance the pay of Physicians & Agents
 their staff of nurses & attendants, on the sick,
 hiring of hands, survey of land, transportation
 of stores & other. Now, while the invoice of
 stores for these 400 persons makes up an as-
 spectable bill for of \$12,299.75 worth of the
 articles are high and not so cheap as
 at their cost. I presume because you sent
 latterly twice the quantity of beef than best
 & beef of all articles of stores made with poorer
 sale even at cost prices than any other article
 of the at stuff that can be made. Beef
 is considered more healthy for emigrants, of
 course I have no objections to its being
 sent for them. But what I wish to get at is
 that since we have mainly to depend on
 the sale of surplus stores to raise means

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