To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives

Gentlemen

The undersigned your petitioner respectfully begs leave to submit to the consideration of your honorable body, an account for services rendered by him, between the 1st of September 1835 to 1st April 1837. as assistant and Martin Armour

Your petitioner would respectfully state that at the time he performed his duty at Chocolate Bayou he was then in the occupancy of a smithe shop and furnished himself with Provisions and tools at his own expence for which time he charged in the above account $50. per Month being much less than it would have cost the Government had he charged the usual price for labor —

Some time in January last he applied to the Auditor for a settlement, and he received in Scrip 288 dollars but on being informed that the Pay of Artificers in the United States was more than was allowed him, he again presented his claim fully authenticated, for adjustment, but it has been rejected by the Auditor — Your petitioner therefore, being a man advanced in years, and having a large family to support, prays that your honorable body will take his case into consideration and allow him such recompence as in your wisdom will compensate him for the time he served the Government. And he also hopes that your honorable body will award him such quantity of bounty lands as ~~will~~ other volunteers, in the

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