Houston April 12th 1838

This is to certify that John Talbot aged about 54 years — was on the Island at work for the Post of Galveston as armourer from & before I took Command of the same up to the time that I was ordered to give up the Command to Col. A Turner that during my Command he deported himself as became an artificer in the employ of the Govt and was at all times subject to the orders of the Comdt of the post and as such I consider him worthy to receive the pay of Armourer of the Texas Army —

J R Moreland
Late Comdr Galveston

May 15th I certify that John Talbot was Armourer upon Galveston Island and that he was exemplary for his industry and indefatigable attention to his duty John Redman Jr

I Concur in the above — Charles Mason
Late Comdr of Subsid