I Certify on Honor that the above mentioned Horses were my private property, & used by me in the service of this Republic, & that they were Captured by a body of Mexican Troops, while grazing with the Horses of the 1st Cavalry, on the 20th Dec 1837 — —

In consequence of the Qr. Master of Post Bexar, being unable to furnish me with the requisite forage, & having received no money or pay, from the Government wherewith to procure it, I was obliged to place my horses, with those belonging to the Government, & in charge of the horse guard. At the time they were Captured, one of the guard was killed by the enemy & an other taken prisoner —

Under these circumstances, I consider that I am justly entitled to pay for said horses, from the Government of Texas

Houston City
May 30th '39

Lysander Wells
Col. 1st Cavalry

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Approved
A. Sidney Johnston
Secretary of War

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