Prices Creek 8th March 1854

Dear Captain

I was at Town a few days since for the first time since I rec.d your favor of the 7th ultimo. I had delayed writing to you in order to get the proof desired ~~upon~~ if possible to enable you to get your Claim allowed by the Govt. which I am satisfied is most just. I regret that I could not find any person in Victoria that could make the proof. I was in Camp at the time much engaged in assisting Col. Owen in organizing the Troops but I recollect hearing it spoken of that Chief Justice A.S. McDonald was giving receits for provisions in Town to such as chose to furnish them for the use of the Troops. I think it probable that A. Ledbetter can give you a certificate, as he remained in Town some time after I left. his Post Office is Round Top Fayett County. Willoughby advises you to write to William Gambel esqr near San Patricio. thinks he or R.C. Trimble who may be found either at Brownsville or Rio Grande City may be able to give you a full account of the whole matter – Willoughby says he will be in San. Antonio in less than a month which is the reason he has not written to you –

A.S. McDonald was both Colonel of Malitia and chief Justice of the County at the time he was acting as above mentioned but I incline to the