Round Top Texas May 30th 1854

Capt. Joseph H. Beck

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 11th Inst has been rec'd and I am happy in being able to give you a Certificate to the facts you desire to establish, I recollect the circumstance of McDonald distributing your provisions to the troops distinctly, I was not aware that you had given the provisions to McDonald until I was so informed by him, if I ever knew the amt of the provisions he had of yours, I have forgotten it - but I recollect distinctly that I obtained some of the Bacon from him and it was eaten by my Boys in Camp on the Colett - I hereby enclose my Certificate certifying to the facts which I hope will be all sufficient,

I am pleased to hear of the good health of your family, I should be happy to see you all, and talk over our hardships at Victoria. I frequently laugh to myself when I think of the scenes we passed through during the years of 1840 - 1841 and 1842 a great change has taken place in my affairs since that time, I have made considerable property, I suppose that I have made fifty thousand dollars worth of property since I left Victoria, year before last I made 120 Bales Cotton last year 140 Bales and if nothing happens to my Crop this year I will make 150 or 160 Bales - I am cultivating over 300 acres of land and my prospect for a Crop was never better - We have nine Children five Sons & four daughters - My oldest Son Alex - is Clerking in Houston, gets 1000$ Salary - Alex is 23 years