State of Texas } Personally appeared
County of Bexar } before me J. Alex Cook
A Notary Public for the state
and County aforesaid Joseph H Beckwith
known to me who upon Oath says. That in
the year 1842 in the Month of March of said
year that there was an invasion by a Mex-
ican Army of the County of Refugio. That
said Deponent then lived in the Town of
Victoria and was sick of the small Pox
that he had Certain provisions then just
imported from New Orleans. Which were
taken by Judge A J McDonald for
the use and Benefit of the ~~soldier~~ Citizen
Soldiers of Texas then assembled in Vic-
toria to repel the Mexicans. That there
was at the time a great scarcity of pro-
visions in the Country and that he does
think that the estimate put upon
his bill sent to the Legislature was
a very Moderate Bill. amounting to five
hundred and sixty dollars.

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Deponent Further saeavs that he has
never Alienated or sold to any person
or persons, whatever his claim against
the Republic or State of Texas. That he
had Two Receipts from A J McDonald
Col Commanding Militia and Chief Justice
of Victoria County for said Provisions
That said Receipts were entrusted to
H M Lewis a Representative from Bex-
ar County in the year 1849 or 1850. That
said Lewis introduced ~~said~~ a Petition
predicated upon said Receipts and got
a Bill passed for the relief of Deponent