State of Texas } Before me this day
Gonzales County } came and appeared
~~before me~~ an acting Justice
of the Peace in and for the County and
State aforesaid duly qualified ~~and~~
~~respectably commissioned~~ Wm M. Phillips
and J. S. Brown personally known to me
who after having been sworn deposeth
and says that they are personally well
acquainted with Edmund Bellinger
who is and has been a resident citizen
of said State and County ever since the
establishment of the present form of
government that he is the identical
person he has always represented him
self to be and that said deponents
do verily believe that the words and
declarations of the said Bellinger is
entitled to full faith and confidence
In verification of the same the said
deponents hereunto have set their hands
this 28th day of April A. D. Eighteen hun
dred and fifty seven W M Phillips
Sworn to as aforesaid J. S. Brown
before me —
John Fuller J. P. G. C.

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