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Sir. I wish to correspond with you relative to Claims upon the Republic of Texas for services rendered by my deceased Father Major Valentine Bennet in the capacity of Quarter-Master, and Rank of Major in the Army.

He was thus employed and commissioned in the Santa Fe Expedition - time of service commencing in the Spring of 1841. After undergoing the hardships of that campaign he arrived at his home on the Guadaloupe one week before the Hostilities attending the Advce of the Mexican force under the Command of Wall, upon the San Antonio Frontier in the Fall of 1842, in which immergency he acted in Concert with 'Caldwell', doing all in his power in raising and issuing supplies to the Volunteers who repelled the Enemy at that time.

Having reported himself to the War Department he Recd written Communications from it in which he was still addressed as 'Major' and 'On Service' his commission not being revoked but thereby confirmed and his acts recognized, orders given him him which he obeyed, and thus labored through the whole of the Somerville Campaign, and was indeed thus acting under Orders gathering up and forwarding to La Grange the Fragments of Military Munitions, that were scattered about upon the breaking up of the Campaign, when he was suddenly attacked with Illness and died in July 1843 while at which time he was preparing to take to La Grange some

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