Bennets Ferry, De Witt Co,
Dec 11th A.D. 1850

My Dear Sir

Your kind letter of Aug. 2d. was received by me in due time - I deferred writing hoping to obtain some of the written 'orders' and 'instructions' to my Father - sufficient to prove his service as Major and Quarter-master in our last difficulties with Mexico previous to 'Annexation'

Your favor enclosed two copies of Affidavit, one relative to Loss of Horses, the other to Service on the Santa Fe Expedition - Mr Stump with whom I conversed upon the subject did not like to make oath as the Loss of Horses although he was almost certain that My Father owned and lost horses in the Expedition failing to substantiate that fact and not seeing Mr Hunt I defer sending you the affidavit proving Service.

In one of My Fathers letters ~~letters~~ dated in June after his appointment - and before the Command left the Settlements of the vicinity of Austin he mentioned the Loss of his Horse 'Camanche' (a Grey horse with slit Ears that you possibly recollect was my Riding Horse about Gonzales in old times -) He never was discharged after his appointment - and I might go on to write you a hasty Sketch of his continued services from within one week after his return to Gonzales from Mexico untill his Death in July 1843 - but I recollect you want something Official. I have seen several official papers, Orders, instructions &c from the department and Superior Officers Genl Somervell & Judge Hemphill (who I think was Adjutant Genl) Wm G. Cooke and perhaps others