To the Honorable Congress of the Republic of Texas now assembled

Your undersigned petitioner would respectfully state to your Honorable body, the fact that during the month of November 1837 he rendered certain services to this Republic for which up to this day, he has never been remunerated, accompanying this petition you will find a Statement, showing the nature of those services, to which is appended your petitioners affidavit also the affidavit of the late H. O. Watts Esqr, and Mr Benjamin H. Perkins both of whom were known to the facts set forth in the Statement, your petitioner would also state that he had in his possession up to the Eighth of August ~~Dec~~ 1840 the certificate of Capt Joseph Lavaux of the regular Army, certifying that the services as set forth in this statement were just and correct, and actually performed, and the payment agreed upon as stated by your petitioner, But that during the late depredations by the Indians, at Linnville, said certificate was with other papers destroyed, and therefore cannot present it, for the further establishing of the claim, but ~~ra~~ trusting in the justness of the cause and your known liberality in similar cases, presuming that what has already been produced will be sufficient to prove that said claim is just and true and that your petitioner ought to receive relief from your hands, and for said relief your petitioner will ever pray

Linnville Texas
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Elijah Bennett