Washington County Vinegrove
August th 11 1853

Mr

Jas. B. Shaw

Sir I inclose within my acount on the Government of Texas for one hundred and forty six dollars and 67 cents for services rendered in 36 and 37 as Monthley pay I wish you to ~~inform~~ me if the within acount will be audeld) I resivd My Bounty land Sertificate in January 1852 through a sertificate signd by Capt A Turner and Gen E. Burleson) pleas write me If thare is any more that is nessary for me to do to establish the within acount and if thare is to direct me in what way I am to proseed)

direct to Vine Grove Washington County Texas

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Yours with respect
Ellis Benson

S B if the acount is correct and I can get the money I will come to Austin my self

Ellis Benson