Lockhart August 27th 1851
Texas

Dear Sir after my respects to you I will say my health is so bad that I cannot ride, and I know not that I will ever be able to get to Austin again you will find enclos. my Discharge Signed by W. B. Stout. which Should have been Henry Stout
you will also find two of A. H. Blundell for the same Term of Service. Which I wish and hope you will be so kind as to have Audited for him
my Discharge from Henry Stout I nothing of please do the best you can for me with all my claims and when they are Paid you Shall be Paid for your trouble and kindness

Yours most obty
J. M. Patton