Burleson County, Texas, Septr 6th 1853.

Mr Scoister, Dear Sir.

I address you in view of obtaining information relative to the course to be pursued to lay before the auditorial Board a Claim for services as a volunteer in the Texas services, the discharge being lost or Mislaid, so that it cannot, as yet at least, ~~[illegible]~~ be found. The case is, thus with the circumstances.

Early in the spring of 1857. M. K Bush sent to me at Austin a discharge, for services as a Volunteer in a Horse company, which discharge was signed by the first Lieutenant Named Philips. I presented it, to Adjutant General Hill, who after examining some time for the return Roll, came to me, where I remained waiting to hear what he had to communicate on the subject, and informed me he could not find the Roll, and that Mr Bush must inform him or me the Name of the Captain, and other Officers under whom the company was Mustered into service, and who was, the Officers, Capt, Col. &c when they were discharged — Bush never wrote an answer till in Septr. His letter dated 6th, and it came to me at Austin the 12th. I went immediately to the Office, but it was too late