promise made to him by President Lamar that he would receive twenty five dollars of pay per month, all the expense of equipment being at the charge of him, the said Wm Parker. That he has received no pay or portion of pay from any paymaster, officer or Commissioner of the Republic of Texas, during the three months of his active service nor during his two years of captivity. That he makes this declaration in good faith to the end that he may obtain from the Government of the United States, to which is now annexed the Republic of Texas, or from the late Republic of Texas, that which is legitimately due to him for his services.

In faith of which the present declaration has been drawn up in our Vice Consulate in presence of Messrs Joseph Resich, ship captain and Francois Vbignon citizen of Sicaltepec, who after having it first read to them have signed it with the declarer and me, the said Vice Consul the day, month and year above written.

William T. Parker
Jose Resich
Francois Vbignon
Camille Castagné
Vice Consul

Consulate of the United States
Vera Cruz, July 1st 1854.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify the foregoing to be a lawful translation of the annexed original declaration of William T. Parker, and I further certify the signature and seal of Camille Castagné, French Vice Consul at Sicaltepec to be true and genuine.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office the day, month and year above (July 1st 1854) written.

J. J. Fickett