Hon James B. Shaw.

Dr Sir.

Enclosed I forward you a discharge of Jonathan S. Collard. by his substitute John Baker. Mr Collard within my knowledge paid Mr Baker $100.00/100 to take his place as a draft. Baker to procure for Mr Collard an honorable discharge for a tour of service previous to Mr Collard's paying him. which was all fully complied with. I thought it might be essential to make a statement of facts.

Please attend to the matter and transmit through me at Huntsville Walker county Texas

Respectfully
Yours &c John S. Beper

August 27. 1850.