The Govt of Texas
1842 To M W Dikes Dr.

To Services rendered as a Soldier in the West Expedition in Capt Caldwell's Company in the year 1842

The State of Texas } Personally appeared before
County of Gonzales } me the undersigned to me well known who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he did serve in the West Expedition in the year 1842 as a Soldier in Capt Caldwells Company that he has never received any compensation for the same and that he is not indebted directly or indirectly to the Govt of Texas and he presents this as a just claim against the Govt of Texas and asks payment

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 3rd day of Dec 1853 Thos J Pilgrim J.P.G.C.

M W Dikes

The State of Texas } Personally appeared before
County of Gonzales } me the undersigned who being duly sworn deposed and say that they are acquainted with M. W. Dikes and do know from personal knowledge that he did serve as a Private in the West Expedition in the year 1842 ~~in Capt Caldwells Company~~

Signed and sworn to before me this the 3rd day of Dec 1853

M W Dikes (IX)
A. Jones

3 weeks @ 22½¢ $ 15 75