Dubuque, Iowa
August 29th 1848

Dear Sir,

In the summer of 1842, while on a visit a visit to the residence of my father in San Augustine County, Texas, I took with me a certificate for services rendered in the Texas Army, to get it audited for with Samuel D. Dixon, of this place. The Government at that time was in an unorganized state, the President & Cabinet at Houston (where I had the pleasure of an interview with President Houston) & the State Records at Austin. In consequence of this I failed to accomplish my object, & accordingly left the certificate with Mr Thomas M. Bagby, then the private Secretary of Gen. Houston, & with whom I had formerly been acquainted in Carroll County Tennessee. I have written to Mr B. several times since but have heard nothing from him & am therefore of opinion that he has left Houston. The Hon. Albert H. Latimer of Clarksville, Texas, would probably