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My Commission as Major in the 4th Regiment, was given by Gen' Green to facilitate the despatch of Volunteers to Texas. The Agency had despatched previously all the volunteers that had been sent, and the entire superintendence of their despatch had been under my direction. I had found great dificulty at the Barracks which I had provided, in controlling the subordinate officers, in my character as a civilian only. This was seen by all parties & at the request of many of the friends of Texas I took the Commission and devoted a large part of my time to the duties. Upon the records of the War department & in files of the Letters from me, will be found a list. (or my Letters will shew) over 1000 men forwarded. The Commission enabled me to transact the business much more successfully and at a saving of the pay of that office many times. For the efficiency of my services in this department and the saving to the Government I would refer to Gen' Green Capt Henry Austin Edward Hall. Major Ward. H. C. Allen. A J Yates De Archer Col Morgan Gen Chambers. Samuel Williams. and others conversant with affairs at New Orleans at the time. The right of Gen' Green to issue such a Commission has been subsequently confirmed by the action of Congress in the settlement of his accounts. And my authority while acting under it was several times recognised by the department.

In my Agency of the Public vessels in N. York I acted under the authority previously granted me by the Commissioners of Texas, Austin Archer & Wharton, & Robert Triplett, the Commission of the latter will be found with this. The Brutus & Invincible had provided to N York