THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Office of Commissioner of Claims.

To The Clerk of the County Court of Galveston County:

You are hereby Commissioned to take the depositions of Samuel McWilliams resident of your County, in answer to the accompanying interrogatories, taking care that neither the applicant nor agent shall be present. The answers being read over to the witness, he shall sign and swear to the same in your presence, to which you shall certify under your hand and official seal.

The answers, together with this Commission and the accompanying interrogatories, you will please enclose in an envelope, and direct the same to "The Commissioner of Claims, Austin, Texas," and write your name and official designation across the Seal. The applicant first paying your fees.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Office, this the 1st day of May A. D., 1857

Jas. C. Illingworth

Commissioner of Claims.

The commissioner will please certify to the identity and credibility of the witness if known to him. If the witness is unknown, he will require his identity and credibility to be established by the testimony of at least one credible witness whom he does know, and certify accordingly