The State of Texas }
Washington County }

We the undersigned Citizens of Washington County, do hereby certify that when the Northern frontier was invaded by the Indians in 1838. Dr. Thomas J. Heard went from this County, as Surgeon under Capt James R. Cook, and was seen on the waters of little river and the Brazos, that he was absent for about two Months, during which time he performed the services of Surgeon, to said company of James R. Cook in an efficient manner, at his own expense

T. J. Heard
H. R. Cartwell
J. H. Coates

The State of Texas }
Washington County }

Personally appeared before me H. B. Hurlbert, an acting justice of the peace in and for said County. T. J. Heard, H. R. Cartwell & J. H. Coates well known to me, who after being duly sworn certify that the facts set forth in the above affidavit are correct and true

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4 February 1854

H. B. Hurlbert
J. P. W. C.