Executive Department,
City of Houston, April 20th 1842.

To Captain E. W. Lean.

Sir – Before it will be possible for a campaign to open against the enemy, it is important that two Companies should range upon the frontier as a corps of observation.

Having great confidence in you, I hope that you will succeed in raising a Company of fifty six men, or over that number. Congress placed no means at my disposal to accomplish my wishes in relation to frontier defence.

For the Salvation of Texas, I do hope that as many of the young men as can (under one hundred) will volunteer under you for six months. Previous to the end of that period they may look for very important action.

With confidence in your capacity, integrity and wisdom, I render you assurances of my friendship.

Thine truly

Department of State
Austin, December 15th 1855

I, Edward Clark Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy, taken from the Executive record of President Houston, and in the handwriting of W. D. Miller, – his private Secretary

Witness my hand and seal of the Department, the day and year aforesaid.

Edward Clark
Secretary of State.