The State of Texas } The statement of William Oldham a
County of Burleson } citizen of said County of Burleson and
state aforesaid and formerly a member of the staff of Colonel
James Cook in the ill-fated Mier expedition. to wit.

On or about the Twentieth day of October one thous-
and eight hundred and forty two I was enrolled as a private in
Captain J. G. W. Pearsons Company of Texas Mounted Rangers
at the City of San Antonio. Two or three days after which
time I was promoted to the office of Pay-master with the
rank of Maj by Colonel James Cook. The very responsible
duties of which office I discharged to the best of my ability
from that time up to the Result at the Rancho Salado.
Being one of the unfortunate who surrendered themselves prisoners
of war at the Town of Mier Mexico. I was marched on
foot to the Town of Matamoras. Mexico. at which place I met
a friend who loaned me one hundred dollars in money
which I distributed among the my suffering fellow prisoners
to whom I appeal for the truth of the above statement.
and upon my endorsement Captain J. W. Pearson was enab-
led to procure the like amount of one hundred dollars
which was also distributed to relieve the destitution of
the whole. I can safely state that about the sum of
Five thousand dollars was procured from my friend
at the Spice Town of Matamoras upon my recommen-
dation. From this place I was compelled to walk
as well as the rest of my fellow sufferers to the Rancho
Salado by way of Monterey & Saltillo. a distance of
more than four hundred miles.

I was present at the planning of the attack upon the Guard
at the said Rancho Salado did my duty by the side
of the lamented Capt. Walker. Cameron Pearson
About the fifth day after the Result our sufferings were
extreme and extended almost to desperation & Suicide.
I took my own way without knowing however whether
in search of water for which we were ~~again~~ hunting
I was, but to seek in the Mo[illegible] a. accompanied