by one Rufus Alexander. we were five days with out food or drink and such was our extreme thirst that death itself would have been more welcome than our then miserable situation. I will only say that from this time up to our arrival at the Town of San Antonio on or about the 5th day of April 1843 our suffering and privations were such as to cause the most indomitable Spirit to quake and the most iron like Constitution to succumb.

I would further state that I am a farmer and was at the time of my captivity. I left at my plantation a valuable stock of Horses, cattle hogs &c. as also the produce of my farm such as Corn cotton & Labour nearly all of which I lost, and have not since received.

I hope these facts will be taken into consideration by the Congress as well as by the Legislature should I have better fee had in that body upon the subject of the payment of the public debt of the Republic of Texas. and grant to me such pay as my Rank entitles me to from the time I was enrolled till the discharge of the whole at the Castle of Perote. Mexico.

I furnished my own Horse, arms &c. as also my own Rifle & forage. Capt. Pearson now deceased took two of my horses for Pack Animals. as also one Blooded Stallion horse. which was rode by one William Roberts who was shot at the execution. The payment of my account against the Republic of Texas for services & losses as aforesaid, by the present Government will be properly appreciated by

Gelveston 12th 1849

William Oldham