Summer Grove P.O. Smith County
10th Nov 1853

~~Hon Wm J. Ochiltree~~

Dear Sir

I start with for with this a memorial to the Legislature for my relief which you will see is praying for a certificate for one league of land in lieu of a league title to me by Nixon as a colonist on the 2nd Dec 1835. which has been declared void by the Supreme Court of this State. The order of survey for the league was issued about the 4th day of May 1835. and the survey was returned to the land office in July of the same year and it was through the neglect of the court that the title was not issued long before the closing of the land office. Many ~~other~~ persons who had these orders of survey and their field notes returned subsequent to the return of my field notes, received their titles before the closing of the land office which the law now makes good some of these persons came to the Country with me got their titles and returned back to the State from which they came and did not return again until the darkest spot in the revolution began to grow bright

It will be seen from papers that I send you that I was here in Dec 1835 and in August 1836. if the records have not been distroyed they will show that Henry M Cloy and myself advanced to the Committee at Lon Philip in February 1836 (the darkest hour) $559.00 this money was advanced to be paid to Col Nail or his men then in the possession of San Antonio I believe the first money advance I may say given to Texas for application has never been made for the repayment of any part of it. altho