New Orleans – April 7th 1851.

I Reuben M. Potter, do hereby declare under oath that I resided in Matamoros, Mexico, during the year 1836., and was there during the whole time that Captains Karnes & Teal were in that city as commissioners from the Army of Texas, – they being for most of that time held as prisoners, as were also a Sargeant and private of the Regular service of Texas who had come with them as personal attendants. I am aware of the fact that the said two Captains and their two men boarded with Mrs. Eliza Proctor or were supplied with their meals by her during the whole time said Commissioners were in Matamoros, whether in or out of confinement; and the time the four persons aforesaid were so supplied was according to the best of my recollection at least three months. The said commissioners, as I recollect were out of funds soon after their arrival: I never heard of their paying any thing on account of their board, and I think it was generally understood, when they escaped, that they were owing for the whole of it, both for themselves and their men. – To the best of my recollection the usual rates of board, then in Matamoros, for what were called first and second table boarders was twenty & fifteen dollars.

Reuben M. Potter