San Antonio December 14th 1841

To [illegible] Esqr
Austin Texas

Dear Sir

In looking over some old papers in my left possession I find a Certificate signed by Capt J. C. Hays then Commanding at this place, setting forth the particulars as regards the powder furnished by Wm Riddle to the Texas army, which I forthwith enclosed to you Mr C. days after Hays gave the Certificate it was thought likely the acting Commissary had better receipt also for the same, which was done, and is the one receipted for by Capt Hall

[illegible] may be [illegible] to satisfy the claim being put in a shape for payment. I have no doubt of [illegible] for [illegible] days will satisfy any Committee should the Committee to whom such [illegible] have referred report unfavorable on this [illegible] [illegible] procure a special act by presenting this [illegible] [illegible] Compliments to Mr Branch and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and say to them I should be very thankful [illegible] their attention to the above. Hays if you can arrange the matter you will lay us under lasting obligations as we are in need of all [illegible] [illegible] coming. [illegible] that the Estate of Riddle has [illegible] [illegible] large debts. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the probability of your success, I intended to have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] [illegible] I could not leave home. Our respects to your [illegible]

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