Columbus Colorado Comty
5th Decemb. 1850

J B Shaw Esq.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you Mr Jackson Roark's Discharge as a Sergeant in the Mier Expedition I saw Capt Ryan the other day at Richmond and he informed me that the Discharge itself with the Endorsement thereon would be sufficient to entitle Roark to his certificate and that you would act upon it. I thought from a strict application of the Law of 1850 providing for cases like the present that it might possibly be necessary in order to get a certificate that the Capt. & Colonel should certify that the individual applying for this certificate was actually taken prisoner but Ryan says you will issue on the discharge itself - You will see that Roark served two years and acted in the capacity of a Sergeant - and will therefore be probably entitled to a little Extra pay - If so let him have it all for he needs it - When you make out the certificate send it to me at Columbus -

Yours respectfully
John H Robson

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