To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas at Austin in General Assembly convened.

The petition of Westley M. Pelman of Chambers County in said State would with respect represent unto your honorable body — that he served for the term of six months as a volunteer in Capt H. M. Smith's Company in the year A. D. 1839 — (of Mounted Volunteers); and that he has never received any pay for said service, which was to be twenty five Dollars per month; as he was informed by the officers in command.

Petitioner further represents, that he has never been able until now to procure the necessary Evidence going to Establish his claim, as is herein attached. The premises duly considered petitioner asks your Honorable body to grant to him the sum of twenty five Dollars per month, as he was received by others of said Company and as in duty bound petitioner will ever pray

Wesley M. Pelman

The foregoing petition sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned Notary Public this 16th day November 1855

W. H. Lipp
Notary Public
Chambers Co. Texas