serve, was regularly discharged near the residence of General Lamar, not far from Aransas Bay, but none of the volunteers received written discharges, as the companies were disbanded in the open woods. He knows that said Hames, who signed the foregoing power of attorney and made the foregoing affidavit and application is the identical John B. Hames, who enlisted in the Texas service in the year 1842, under the command of Capt. Stephenson, & who continued in the Texan service at Galveston & at Aransas Bay as set forth in his application — said Hames was then a single man. Affiant knew Hames before he enlisted at Saint Louis, & knew him well, and saw him in the service, perhaps every day, up to the time of the disbanding of the army as aforesaid. Affiant has no personal knowledge of the service of said Hames in the "Mier Expedition." Affiant knows that the company in which Hames served paid its own expences, without aid from the Texan Government. Affiant has no interest in the claim of said Hames for pay for his services. After the army was disbanded as aforesaid, Hames & affiant travelled together several days, when affiant took sick, & Hames proceeded on, and as affiant believes, joined the "Mier Expedition", although he does not know that he did so from his own personal knowledge

The said Lewis Collins declares that