Adjutant General's Office
Austin January 7th 1854

I Certify that there is on file in this office a letter bearing date "Galveston 7th Oct 1842 written by Geo W Hockley Act. Col of Artillery, addressed to Jno Hamilton Esqr. Act Sec of War & Marine in which the following passage occurs

"Upon my arrival here I commenced preparations for the contemplated defences but regret to say that with few exceptions every impediment was thrown in my way. At the outset but they are now partially removed. Nothing can be done without five hundred dollars cash. I have procured the sleepers for the platform and the old Sec house for plank

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the impress of my Official Seal this the day and date last above written

James E Gillett
Adjt General