Austin 7 Dec 1833

I have been well acquainted with Col. J W E Wallace since sometime in September 1835 and previous to that time during the year 1835, I knew him, by reputation, as one of the principal Merchants in Texas, his principal establishment being at Matagorda.

Col W was at Bastrop about the last of Sep 1835, when the express from Gonzales reached them, calling upon the Citizens of Texas to sustain the people of Gonzales in their refusal to deliver up the piece of Ordnance at their place to the Commandant at San Antonio.

He assisted in organizing the Citizens of Bastrop Municipality and marched with them to Gonzales, when he was made the second in command of the forces then assembled there, and served in that capacity in the first skirmish with the enemy at Gonzales, of their serving I was personally cognizant.

I know from information that he afterwards was often in service

E M Pease