Houston 9th Oct 1837.

I hereby certify that Mr Sampson Connell was engaged with three yoke of oxen and a public wagon in hauling public stores (for the use of the Rangers under command of Col R.M. Coleman) from the fourth day of Sept to the twelfth day of the same month, said Connell was sent to me by Col Coleman with instructions for me to furnish and load for him a public wagon, I did so, and accompanied said Connell, from Major A Northington's on St Bernard to Asa Mitchells on San Antonio road.

I also certify that said Connell was sent by Col Coleman to Columbia for me to load his team so soon as I was able to obtain the loading, said Connell arrived at Columbia on the 13th day of Oct 1836. and was necessarily detained in that vicinity before the full loading could possibly be obtained for said Connell to start with his loading to Fort Houston on the Colorado, but till the 14th of Dec 1836. but said Connell did hauling for the Govt in the mean time under the direction of Quarter Master Bennett viz wood for the use of Congress. I was asst Quarter Master, the dates above specified, but made no contract with said Connell, having understood that Col Coleman had agreed with him as to price etc and leaving Mr Connell in the employ of the Govt under the direction of Col Coleman

A K Bodman

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