State of Texas } On the 5th day of December A.D. 1874
County of Bexar } Before me John Rosenheymer a Notary public, in the County of Bexar and State of Texas; Personally appeared Miguel Benites, a resident Citizen of this Country who being duly sworn, under oath, attests and affirms that at the declaration of Independence, he took the Texian side, and volunteered his service, that soon after the taking of San-Antonio (Decber 1835) he was sent by Colonels B. Travis and James Bowie, with several other, to Port La Vacca in order to bring up with their carts and oxen, ammunition and stores for the troops garrisoning the City of San-Antonio; that the train was under the immediate command of Francisco Ruiz; That, when they arrived at camp Preston, near La Vaca, which was commanded by Genl Ja. Rusk, all the men of the train, together with their teams, were detained at said camp, by express order of said General; and employed to carry provision and stores, for the use of the troops, that they were detained at said place till the month of February, when on returning to San-Antonio, they were dismissed by the Military authority. — Affiant has never received any compensation of any kind, neither for his personal service, nor for the use of his team. He considers that he was rendering as useful and necessary a service to the cause of Independence, as those who were regularly enlisted, in some Company, and he believes that, in consideration