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Mr. R. Fisher
Austin.

Dear Sir

I received your letter of instruction in the Case of Mrs. Lucinda Best, wife of the late Stephen Best Decd. I have about exhausted this section of Country to find any one who knows of the Military Service rendered by Mr. Best to the Republic of Texas from 1835 to 1807 except Mrs. Pettus the wife of the late Jno. Pettus Decd. who states that Mr. Best did Military service in 1836. but does not recollect the command he was attached to. There is an abundance of proof as to her being the legal wife of Stephen Best Decd. & that she has not married since his death & that she is in indigent Circumstances & is in every particular entitled to her donation & Pension. Will the evidence of the last stated fact be