The State of Texas, } We, the undersigned, hereby certify,
Travis County. } that we are personally acquainted
with John A. Cummings of Con-
nellsville, Pennᵃ who now makes application for a Pen-
sion from the State of Texas. That Sophia Simmons,
one of the subscribers hereto, is a sister of the said J.
A. Cummings, and has therefore known him from
childhood. And we the undersigned do know the
said J. A. Cummings to have been a member ~~of~~
the Santa Fe Expedition which started from Austin
to New Mexico in the summer of 1841, under Gen.
Hugh McLeod, Col. Wm G. Cooke & others. That
he was, with the others of said Expedition, captured
by the Mexicans, and as a prisoner taken to the
City of Mexico. And the said Sophia Simmons
would state, that her brother John Andrew Cum-
mings, the present applicant, after his release
from prison in Mexico, passed through New
Orleans in the fall of 1842, on his way home
to Pennsylvania, having stopped with the family
of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons some three weeks.
That the said J. A. Cummings has most of