Galveston Dec. 30th 1870

Hon A Bledsoe - Comptroller

Sir

Please find under this cover the application of Thomas Ellis (Freedman) for pension - Tom was induced to make this application by his old friend Mack Smith (Freedman) whose case is precisely the same. I have not given him any encouragement as to the applicability of the law to his case - the case the certificate yours please send to my address

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Austin