Nacagdoches. Texas. October 12th 1870.

To the Honble A. Bledsoe
Comptroller of the State of Texas
at the City of Austin

Sir By letter of Sept: 12/70 I presented myself to your notice, as an Applicant for the benefit of "An Act granting Pensions to the surviving Veterans of the Revolution which seperated Texas from Mexico and seeking information how the claim should be substanciated

On the 27th of September last I received in reply your printed Circular in which it is stated that the comptroller will for the present issue certificates only for service rendered prior to the close of the Battle of San Jacinto &c &c. I herewith send you a Statement duly sworn to, of some facts necessary to establish my Claim which I trust will be satisfactory

Three are prominent 1st acting as Commissioner (under instructions from the Provisional Government) conjointly with Genl Sam Houston in holding and making a treaty with all of the Indian Tribes, in eastern Texas which was with difficulty effected after a three days talk, and some hostile demonstrations on the part of some of their Chiefs. Had we failed in securing their friendship and neutrality, Eastern Texas would have been abandoned and the West paralized. The Indians were very numerous and Warlike, and in the event of their proving hostile They would have been joined by the Mexican population here, who at that time were numerous, and the consequences would have been very disastrous. Few persons now living know the dread and terror that was entertained of the Indians at that time by our sparse population We had also some evil disposed white persons amongst us. When the runaway panic occured, now almost forgotten (I was at that time with the Army) my family with Genl Rusk's family, and others fled from this town accross the Sabine, in their absence my house was broken into and goods and chattels, to a large Amount taken therefrom, others also suffered.

2nd Althe from fortuitous circumstances I could not carry out Genl Sam Houston's Orders of March 5th 1836, to the letter, yet in its Spirit it was carried out very effectually, by my Overland March under great difficulties by me joining Genl Houstons Army on the eve of its retreating from the Colorado, to San Felipe the Munitions of War, which I brought were very much needed, and the reinforcement of three Companies of Infantry