Oakland Jan 6th 1876

My dear Nat

Yours of Dec 4th reached me some time since and I would have answered it immediately and attended to your request but was prevented by sickness I have been confined to my bed with rheumatism for the last two month and not able to use my hands or legs until the last two or three days

In the Affidavit you sent I think that you are mistaken in the dates. It says that you joined the Company in 1838 and was taken prisoner at San Antonio in 1844

Now I have not got the dates but my recollection is