Borden Texas
Aug. 17th 1874

Mr S. H. Darden
Comptroller
Austin

Sir

At the request of an old acquaintance, Mr O. B. Hardiman of Prairie Lea Caldwell Co Texas I write you this.

I have known Mr Hardiman, ever since he was a youth — was intimately acquainted with his Father, William P. Hardiman. I met with Mr O. B. a few days since on the train in passing to Columbus, and though I could not call his name or distinctly recognize him at first. I am satisfied he is the same individual who was at my House in 1865, and also that he is the identical O. B. Hardiman, certified to by E. Smith (Deaf Smith) as a member of his Company. Nothing personally an