Crosby's General Agency
Austin Nov 24th 1859

Doct. James Hughes
Columbia —

Dear Sir

Yours of the 16th ult. has been Rec'd and Contents noted.

In reply, will state, that it appears strange, your not receiving my letter of July 10. 1858 in Answer to Yours of May 1858. I answered it fully, informing you that it was impossible to learn whether Mr. Little had obtained your Certificate for 1/4 league of land, as Mr Little was absent in Europe, and as I before informed you, in my letter of 19th March 1858, that there being so many head right and bounty claims in the name of James Hughes, it was impossible to know which of them were yours.

You are no doubt entitled and more than likely one of the claims in the Land Office is yours, but to know which one, is the great difficulty. I do assure Sir, I have on various occasions examined the records and endeavored to find out if possible the claim that may be yours. The data you furnished me in May 1858, did not seem to throw much light on the subject, and if I could get reliable data now, might possibly get all right.

Yr. Very Respectfully

J. Crosby

P.S. there are 4 head rights and 6 Bounty claims in the name of James Hughes now on file in the Gen. Land Office