one of the Guard, Orderly Sergeants are not in the habit of standing Guard as they have other duties which are onerous enough.

The Mier expedition done more than all else that was done to seperate Texas from Mexico (excepting the Battle of San Jacinto) as previous to that expedition Raids were made into Texas both towards San Antonio & Victoria every Spring & every Fall threatening a general invasion thereby preventing the cultivation of the Soil & the resettling of the Country. But none was made after our fight at Mier as We Killed more than 4 times our number of the enemy.

Although we were whipt We still accomplished the object of the expedition To prevent further Raids

Although I say it myself I think I did as much as any one as I spent all I had over $500 in riding to fit out the Regiment and upon my return to Mill Creek where I had left my Trunk Clothing &c found them all used up & myself naked almost & destitute.

I candidly believe that under the Act I am entitled to a pension as one of the persons who "Aided in seperating Texas from Mexico". But as the Act makes you the Judge & you have rejected my claim I have to submit although I feel it hard as I am getting old & infirm & need the pittance asked for.