the Service. The officers of the Government there and then deeming it best to dispense. Affiant further states ~~that~~ and that he was honorably discharged at that time by General Rusk Secretary of War. and as near as he can now remember said discharge was in the following words and figures to wit. Smith Thomotty P. Jones having been for sometime in the service of Texas, and having some business in the city of New Orleans Louisiana is hereby honorably discharged from the Service — (Signed Just before the) battle of San Jacinto

Genl Rusk
Sec of War.

Affiant further states. That he had the said discharge in his possession until (1857) when it was handed to one Wilis. R. Arnold. Since which time it has been lost or mislaid and is still the rightful property of affiant having never bartered sold alienated or conveyed it away — he makes this affidavit under and by virtue of the statutes of the State of Tennessee — made and provided