The State of Texas
County of Wilson Jan - 2nd 1871

To the Hon Bledsoe Comptroller

Sir: the undersigned is an applicant for Pension under An Act entitled An Act granting Pension to the surviving veterans of the Revolution which seaperated Texas from Mexico; approved August 13th 1870 Signed Berry Merchant

State of Texas } personally appeared before the
County of Wilson } undersigned authority Berry Merchant the above applicant for Pension who after being by me duly sworn on his Oath says that he was a Soldier in the army of Texas from the first days of July A D 1836 in Captain Richard Hoopes Company Colonel Moorehouse Regiment

Signed Berry Merchant Claimant

sworn and subscribed at Office this day of A D 1871 Before me Notary Public

State of Texas } personally came before the undersigned
County of Galiad } authority Holmes Byfield and a credible citizen of said State to me well known who after being by me duly sworn on his oath says that of his own knowledge he knows the said Merchant was a Soldier in the army of Texas in the year 1836 that he is