dispatches to Genl Houston who was then with his army encamped on the Colorado: I was then sent by Genl Houston to order all the families to the East of the Brazos; I was then ordered by the President D. G. Burnett to conduct the families on to the Neches: after reaching the Neches (being still under the orders of Genl Houston) I returned to the army encamped at Harrisburg though the battle of San Jacinto had been fought before myself & Wash^tn Cummings arrived in Camp. we reported and were detailed to guard the prisoners: I was present when Santa Anna was brought to camp. I was then attached to Wash Secrest's company and continued in the service until the cessation of hostilities. I had all the papers and orders to substantiate the foregoing statements and facts, but lost them in the storm which destroyed my house and all its contents, in Matagorda in September 1854