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Hon Steven Darden
Auditor. &c

The case of Virgil Phelps applicant for pension as one of the Mier prisoners you refer to because the applicant was not actually in prison, I believe the applicant being one of the parties surrounded by Capt Hughes was constructively a prisoner and that he is entitled to the benefits of the pension law

Will you do the applicant the further to submit the facts of the case as they appear of Record and the construction of the law to the Atty Genl

Respectfully

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