Republic of Texas
County of Victoria

John. Van. Bibber
vs.
Republic of Texas

To the Honorable. A. Hutchinson Judge of the Fourth Judicial District

The Petition of John Van Bibber Citizen of the Republic of Texas humbly represents unto your honor that your Petitioner emigrated to Texas in the year 1835 that he Joined the Division of the Army under the Command of Col. Fannin at Goliad early in the month of January 1836 under the Command of Captain. Thomas under whom he served until the 12th of February 1836 When he was discharged by Saml Wilson Lieutenant Commanding your Petitioner then Joined Captain Duval's Company and was attached to said Company until after the Declaration of Independence by the Convention of the People of Texas and until his health disabled him from Performing the Duties of a Soldier when he obtained a furlough from Col. Fannin and a Passport from. Samuel P. Carson. Secretary of State of the republic of Texas Your Petitioner further says that afterward in the year 1839. he applied to and received from the Board of Land Commissioners for Victoria County a Certificate for one third of a League of Land as a first Class head right and