irregular force and composed of volunteers and frontiersmen, and not controlled by very strict rules of discipline, and affiant being young, at that time, about twenty years old, did not regard the discharge as of much importance affiant says he has not been in the State of Texas since said time, except in passing through a portion of the same on his way to the State of California, during the year A.D. 1849 - where he has ever since resided and now resides that he is a man of family having eight children and resides about three miles south from the town of Hollister in said Monterey County - State of California, and is furthermore in need of any assistance that he can obtain that he has stated the facts above to his best recollection, the time since they occurred being so long, and at the time not deeming the facts of any future importance affiant's mind was not charged therewith

Wherefore make ap-