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Fayetteville Arkansas
June 12th 1874

Hon Stephen Darden Comptroller Public accounts
Austin Texas

Dear Sir

Your Communication Enclosing Oath of James Young and affidavit of Wilson Shannon formerly minister of the U S to the Mexican Government is just received and will state in reply that it was impossible for us to be discharged as we were prisoners in Peroda for nearly 20 months and were shipped from Vera Cruz to Orleans and ½ half of the Boys did not know where the others were I simply make this statement as I do not know of any who were with me in prison at all that are now living. I think that Mr Shannons affadavits in regard to it would be in itself sufficient

P.S. Please direct your letters to Chas. L. McClung Atty in the case. for me
Jas Young

Respthy James Young
By Crouch Clk for C L McClung