Swan Creek Post office
Warren Co. Illinois Aug.t 25.th 1858.

To Hon. Governor of the State of Texas,
Dear Sir

Will you be so kind as to inform me if James C. Wilson was a Commissioner of Land Claims of your State one year ago.

My reasons for wanting to know are these – I bought a Texas Land Scrip calling for Eighteen hundred & fifteen acres in the North West part of your State, and sold the same to John N. Gossler and he took it to Texas about one year ago, and said he had it examined by this James C. Wilson who pronounced it fraudulent and void and wrote on the face of the Scrip "Fraudulent and void & signed his name as Commissioner of Claims."

I wish to ascertain whether he was duly authorized to act according to your laws, as Commissioner in June 1857. I am a poor man and shall be the loser of some Sixteen hundred dollars provided this Scrip is spurious & Mr. James C. Wilson did his duty in regard to this Scrip, If you will be so kind as to answer my inquiries I shall be a thousand times obliged to you, Please direct your letter to

Swan Creek
Warren Co.
Illinois

Your obedient
Servant
Nathan W. Baker