Houston 26: Oct: 1837.

I hereby Certify that Mr John M. Barry assisted me in collecting Beeves, Hogs, provisions &c. for the posts at Columbia, Brazoria and Velasco, and performed the duty of Assistant Quarter Master from the 26th day of April 1837. to 26th day of July of same year: at which time he was taken sick and has not been able to do any service since: during the term of his service he was sent on express by Capt Snell commanding Post Velasco, from that place to the City of Houston, furnished his own horse and bore his expences — I further Certify that Mr Barry was appointed at a time when it was absolutely necessary that some person should be, and as no officer of the line could be had at the time, I was compelled from necessity and for the interest of the Government to make the appointment

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