I the undersigned, Secretary of State, being called on by the Hon. W. H. Stewart of Gonzales, to examine the account of John K. Castleman for transporting the mail on route No. 3, under the late Republic of Texas, do state that I have made examination of the books belonging to the General Postoffice now on file in the State Department, and can find no account or memorandum opened with said Castleman. The books examined however, contain dates only from the 1st. Jany 1840; and as I have been informed by E. S. C. Robertson, Esq., late Chief Clerk of the General Postoffice, that the service was performed in 1839, I am led to believe that the account was contained in some one of the books destroyed by fire at the time of the burning of some of the archives of the General Postoffice Bureau.

Given under my hand, at Austin, the 10th November, 1849.

W. D. Miller,

Secretary of State.