Allyford Texas
Dec 11th 1866

G. W. Smith. Esq;
Austin Texas

Dr Sir

Since the close of the late War, I have not drawn any Money on my Pension. You will confer a great favor, if you will investigate the matter, and if I am entitled, by Existing Laws, to any further assistance, I would like to have it, as I am in need of it and would like you to get it & bring it to me — when you come back, or send it by some reliable means.

You know, who my Agents are, or at least you know "Chandler" and if he is not there Mr Sorinson was my Agt before the War, and I understand that he has returned to Austin since the War closed, I presume that either of them are authorized to act for me.

By attending to this, and writing me on the subject, Sir, you will oblige very much.

Your Friend &c
David. Cole.

P.S. in case there is any money for me, the following Certificate is required

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We the Undersigned, Citizens of Colorado, and Austin Counties Texas, Hereby certify, that "David Cole" is living, and that the above letter was written in his presents and at his request.

J. H. Moore
Jas. E. Williams