Houston July 6th 1839

This will certify that on the retreat of the army from Gonzales Gen. Sam Houston had the cavalry pressed and detailed a certain horse for Mr Lindsey was in Col. Barnes company the day I afterwards learned was pressed by Capt Hart from one L Dickinson and appraised for him at three hundred dollars said horse I received in exchange for a mule and rode him in the army as a Spie for the Commander in chief Said horse was taken on the morning of the 22nd by Col Forbs at the request of Capt Smith to go at the request of the Com-Gen-or by his order to burn the bridges on Vinces Bayou Smith afterwards informed me that he rode the horse when he was the bearer of a dispatch to the Mexican army from Santa Anna where he was fired upon and compelled to retreat and after retreating about 20 miles his horse failed and bogged and he left him bogged down near Mrs Powells —

The receipt now before the board is the receipt given by Col Forbs for said horse ~~as the same now before the board~~ and is before the board

John Chenoweth

Sworn to in Open Court, July 6th 1839.

N.D. Byrne Clk. B.E.

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