The State of Texas
County of Smith }

By virtue of a Commission to me directed to take the Deposition of Ezekiel Ballard from the Commissioner of Claims — I have cause the said Ezekiel Ballard to appear before me in my office to answer the Interrogatories thereto attached — And the following are the answers to the Interrogatories propounded to him —

1st Interrogatory Are you acquainted with Stephen Duncans of Victoria County

Answer to 1st Interrogatory

2 ~~In~~ I am well acquainted with Jos Duncan for many years —

2d Interrogatory

Please state all you know in regard to said Duncans having been a member of Capt Pucs Spy Company in 1841 or 1842 ? How many horses he owned and lost while in said Company — and their value, whether he was captured by the Mexicans and where, ~~How and~~ How long he