Baltimore, 19th July 1854.

Hon Edwd Clark
Secy of State
Austin
Texas.

Dear Sir,

I have been petitioned by Mr. S. de Cordova for a discharge for Lepe C. Phelan, late first Sergeant in my Co. of Baltimore Texan Guards, who were quartered at Dimmitt's Landing, Camp Johnson during the fall & winter of '36. Upon the re-organization of the Army in that year my company was partly merged in others, & partly discharged, & amongst those who received their discharges was L.C. Phelan who together with Lieut's Palmer Denson & myself proceeded to Columbia, the then seat of Government, & reported in person to Hon. Wm S. Fisher then Secy of War, by whom we were ordered on recruiting service.

Whilst at Columbia we had our respective accounts audited & received our certificates for pay & Bounty. Phelan & others to my knowledge sold their certificates to a man by name of Belden, & with the proceeds of said sale, proceded to New Orleans, where he engaged in his pro-