Brenham Sept 2nd 1853

J M Swisher Esq
Auditor Tex

Dear Sir I wish that you would examine in your Office and see if there has been a Claim for three Months Service Audited in favor of John M Hardeman for Services performed in 1836 as a private in Capt Wm Scurlock's Company from San Augustine County — The Services was performed by Geo. H. Scull as Substitute for Hardeman — The Servis may have been performed in Capt Ratliff's Company

Please inform me at the earliest opportunity of the Condition of the Claim — Hardeman has drawn the bounty land for the Campaign and all that he wants to know now is whether he is entitled to any money or not —

Yours &c

R. C. Higgins