Port of Galveston
Septr 19th 1863

Hon. George W. Hockley
Secty of War
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have enlisted seventeen men for the Cavalry; by paying bounty or part bounty Enlistments could be made much faster.

I have to report that the part of the East end of the Island on which the Post is situated, is three feet and a half higher than the highest tides, and during the very high tides recently, it was not affected though the parts adjacent were under water

I acknowledge the receipt of fifty dollars to be used as bounty money for Enlistments.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. T. Howard
Capt Commanding