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I the undersigned, knew Fernando de Leon before and at the commencement of the Revolution. He had a large Ranche directly on the public road between Texana and Victoria. His stock consisted of horses, mules and cattle. A large number of the mules and horses were taken for the use of the army. A large amount of the cattle were taken for the use of the army, and some of them were driven from his ranche by persons who pretended to act under the orders of Genl Rusk to use the stock rest of the colonists. The whole of de Leon's stock, after he removed to New Orleans, went the same way. He did not take a single animal, to my knowledge. It was understood generally at that time that de Leon contributed largely in means in the contest for the constitution of 1824. It was notoriously a fact at that time, that when de Leon was taken by the Mexicans as a prisoner, his family was badly treated; the jewelry of the women was forcibly taken from them and other outrages committed, by men pretending to belong to the Texan army. The army was in that vicinity over two years. I make no scruple in saying, that de Leon is honestly and justly entitled to compensation from the State, for these losses. He was literally