Texas Rusk Cty, march 15th 1859 To the Commisioner of Claims at austin Honorable sir I Recd a letter from francis m, while at Genl Land office that I had Better Correspond with you and also said the Land Bounty of Jonathan Linley did not pass the Bord for which Cause I write to you that you may have Some Knowledge how it has ben transfered to me in the former procedings and if I Connot give sattis-faction please write me what will be Required on my part The bounty of Linly No 81 was transferd from John Linley heair of Jonathan Linley to Charles in vinzant to Edward vinzant then to the widow moss then to me one half of the bounty has Bin pattond on for the widow moss 3 or 4 years past and when hir field notes went to office tha Could not be pattoned till Said moss Run back on the vinzants and to John Linley and obtaind a Certificate or a Scrawl on oath according to Law that he was the Lawful heir of Jonathan Linly the vinzants one is dead the other gone out of our nation Linley perhaps is in hurter Cty, the Substance of Some of these things you Can find in the Land office I am a poor man and would not wish to go to austin if others measurs will do I have bin trying to git a patton 11 years through Lawyers and others and acts of the assembly thrice prohibited being issued on the field notes did not git to austin in time and I Resurveyd and sent back the Last time 2 years past if it Can pass please act on it as the Claim is good and oblige yours if it Connot write to me what is Required I have already spent a bundance of time and many please Respond to a friend if acted on or not please forgive formality I have not your name

Effectionly yours

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