Velasco 8th August 1836.

On or about the 16th day of July last I gave Prior Bryan of Liberty an order for fifty dollars on the Government of Texas, for one Horse, received of him for the public service, since that time I have taken the Horse for my own use & paid the said Bryan for the value of the same, Consequently the Government is not [redacted] bound to pay said order.

John F. Martin
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