Washington County, in the State of Arkansas.
July 10th, 1858.

To Hon. Court of the Commissioner of Claims of the State of Texas.

Sir!

The undersigned begs leave to represent to this Hon. Court, that I for my own person have a Headright Claim against the State of Texas for 320 acres of land; dated Bastrop the 8th of October 1839 in favour of Jean Jacques Ochsner. of wich however the original certificate is lost and not yet replaced.

The loss of this certificate I at Austin had personally ordered to be published in the then „Austin Democrat", wich I suppose, has been done in April or so on in the year 1847. But Sir, as I afterward went off to a distance I did not get full information of it, and all my endavours by correspondence and even by sending money in advance of pay to get a Duplicate were as yet of no avail; and I was since unable to return to the Colorado to attend to the business in person.

Honored Sir! As the time for presenting this claim, (wich claim by the books you will find correct) is about running out; I would humbly ask you to take notice or registry of it; and I will, if possible, return personally to Texas and procure the required proof to show that I am really entitled to the land. For this I suppose, is some time yet left, provided the claim be taken notice of as prescribed.

Should any communication on this subject be necesses, sary or convenient you would please direct it to the respectfully signed: John J. Ochsner,
at Hermannsburg Post Office, in Washington Co. Arkansas.