In view of the extraordinary danger and exposure attending this survey, as well as of the losses and many expenses which to my knowledge he ~~suffered~~ incurred, I am satisfied that the ~~usual~~ compensation of two dollars per mile as for ordinary surveys, is altogether inadequate. No other man could be found to do this work, and it was for this reason that Mr R. undertook it, and because the Commissioner of the General Land Office assured him ~~Congress would make~~ he would be well paid for the time and labor it would require.

Austin July 28th 1856

Sworn & subscribed before me this 2 Aug 1856 John W Tally

P. DeCordova NP Travis Co

I would also state that I know Mr R. had to spend a great deal of time in efforts to find the old surveys in the western part of the county so as to introduce them into his map as required. For this purpose he had to employ many of the inhabitants who professed to have been present when those surveys were made to assist him in searching for corners &c; and I know also that he ran many lines in different parts of the county for the purpose of making connections and identifying those surveys for all of which loss of time and expense he has made no charge in his account