St Marys Refugio
County Texas
May the 29th 1853

Hon Raymond Clarke Commission
=er of Claims
Austin

Honored Sir: I herewith send you Donation Warrant, No 399 for 640 acres of land, issued to John Smith, for your approval. Smith is dead, and the claim belongs to his heirs. Also, second class head right, No 69, issued to the heirs of John Bryman, for 640 acres of land, and also, second class head =right to R. Shilpatrick for 640 acres of land for your approval. The two latter on the property of Capt Henry Hill U.S.A.

You will please act upon these claims and forward them to me at this place by mail

Respectfully your
obedient humble servt
Joseph H. Smith

Hon R. Clarke
Commissioner
of Claims
Austin Texas