New Orleans Febry 17th 1860

Dear Sir

In the year 1855 I obtained a Certificate of 320 acres of bounty Land in the Name of John Snyder from your Office through papers presented by my attorney I Douglas Brown These papers was the transfer of Snyder to I M Bell my father and are Necessary to accompany the warrant to the Genl Land Office that the patent may issue to I M Bell The Land under the Certificate has been Surveyed by I M Wade of Montgomery Co and the Certificate is ready to be returned for patent You will therefore have the Kindness to Send the aborementioned papers to me or let me know what is the proper Course to persue that the patent my issue to Joel M Bell assignee

Your Obedient Servant

W. O. Bell

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The Bty warrant of Jno Snyder was filed here by C. B. Stewart of Danville Texas & approved 28 June 1858 It was not necessary to file the transfer here & there is no evidence that they were ever here as they are not now on file