Adjutant Generals Office
Austin Texas, Augt. 15th 1853,

I hereby certify that the name of John Watson appears on the Muster roll of Capt. Wm. Becknal's Co as having served in the capacity of a Private for three Months, from the 28th day of April 1836 to the 28th day of May 1838, I further certify that there is an affidavit on file in this office made by one Redick overton, wherein it is stated that he is the legal owner of the discharge of of John Watson: also there is on file a power of atty given by Redick overton to Wm. Becknell, constituting said Becknal his atty to "prosecute & adjust before the auditor & comptroller of the state of Texas all claims by me against the ~~state of~~ late Republic of Texas & to receive & recept for the proper cert. or other evidence of said adjustment."

James S Gillett
Adgt. Genl
pr. W. Riley clk