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Dr Sir

In the certificate I gave you a longtime ago relating to the impressment of your horse by Lt McLaughlin in 1836, I stated that Lt McLaughlin was authorised in the Spring of that year to press horses for the public Service.

My language was perhaps not quite sufficiently definite, but I certainly intended to convey the idea and the fact that Lt McLaughlin was duly authorised by the then existing government, of which I was the Chief Magistrate, to press horses for the use of the army of Texas, then in great need of such aid. I do not positively know that he pressed any horse or horses belonging to you but I have long since heard and believed