Republic of Texas } 26 the Honorable Chauncey Davis Chief
Harrisburg County } Justice in and for the County of Harrisburg
and Republic aforesaid —

Your petitioner Thomas E. Morton a citizen of
the County of Goliad and Republic of Texas — respectfully represents
=ent to your Honor — that. he arrived in the month
of March 1836 — your petitioner was then residing
in the Town of Quincy in the Republic of Texas — engaged
in the Merchantile business — that in the Spring of
1836. and in the month of March. your petitioner had
a large quantity of goods whose and merchandise
at Goliad — and about that time the Mexicans
invaded this country — your petitioner was delegated by the
authorities of the government of Texas at Time — to go
to the United States of North America — with
letters of Marque and Reprisal — &c. that he left
Calvin Bennett — in charge of his business at
Goliad with the whole amount of his goods in his
possession — that the Mexicans came on — in
the Spring of 1836. and that they took, while your
petitioner was in the United States on the business of
the government — the said Bennett — with some
considerable amount of money belonging
to and from thousand dollars of money belonging
=ing to and the property of your petitioner — and stilled
him the said Bennett — and said money
your petitioner has never been able to get since he
the first commenced that he lost some.
considerable amount by the emigrating in
=vaded the country, and his being absent on the
business of the government — wherefore the your
petitioner prays — that the deposition of one
Victor Lapey — who is now in this County and about
to leave this part of the country — on the business