I certify that soon after the organization of the Government ad interim by the month of March 1836, William Fariss Esq was requested to take charge of the public archives. That he did so under circumstances of peculiar embarrassment and considerable personal exertion and that the Country is indebted to the exertions of Mr Fariss for the preservation of some of its most important public documents. I am also persuaded that he must have incurred considerable expense in transporting and securing the papers committed to his charge and that he is justly entitled to a liberal remuneration from the Government — Houston 2 Jany 1839

(Signed) David G Burnet

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