Hospital at Victoria Aug 2nd 1863

To Celebrate the first of the Independence of
Texas

Dear Sir, The anxiety that I feel for the high responsibilities incumbent on my station and the numerous and important active duties that I have to perform prevent me at this time from reporting to you in person the general condition of the Hospital. Of all the men left in my charge (upwards of 70) I have lost none. I am daily discharging them by the dozen. Those that remain are mostly convalescent and I confidently believe that in a few days the Hospital will be entirely evacuated, the sick having recovered. To accomplish this end more medicines are indispensable and I address you on this subject altho' there may be an impropriety in so doing, in hopes of receiving an immediate supply. The articles required are Sulphate of Quinine and Tincture of Iron. Quinine and Epsom Salts. I have no one to send and it is impossible for me to go myself. With the highest respects

~~I have the honor~~

Your Friend & Obt Servt.

Walter Forgey