Department of War & Navy,
Austin, 7th Jan., 1842.

To Charles Mason Esq.
Auditor.

Sir:— It appears from the Order Book of this Department that the services of Captain Garrett's Company was accepted, and ordered into service — to be attached to Colonel Karnes' Regiment. The Law of 29th Dec, 1838, authorizes the "President to accept "the service of eight Companies of "Mounted Volunteers, to consist of 82. R. — "to be on the same footing, as regards "Pay, as Mounted Riflemen", which then was $25 per month. In the Order above alluded to / No 15 C, dated 30th April 1839, the Government assumed the duty of mounting them — They proceeded to Austin and performed duty; but on foot. If, therefore, the Government required their services as mounted men, they had promised to mount them, and the men appear to have been ready that duty under the second Contract with the Government. They are therefore entitled to pay at the rate of twenty five Dollars per month, but nothing more.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Wm. H. Hockley
Secy of War & Navy.

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