War Dept ...
Houston Oct 16th

Sir,

The Dept has consulted with the Chairm of the Military Committee - and we are of opinion that the Secy of War's approval of Col Neil certificate is all that can be required - on this subject - all Papers &c were destroyed at the Alamo - and Col. Neils is the best evidence extant - I have therefore appr the certificate -

Yours respectfully -
Barnard E. Bee

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