Auditors office
Houston 11 June 1838

I Certify that on the 7th of February 1836 Silas M. Parker Reported to the General Council but owing to the Confusion in the spring of that year the reports seems to have been Lost or mislaid I was then auditor and from the Record in my office Number 197 — it seems he Reported because reference is made to his reports to the General Council. Sufficiently to shew there were Captains (but awkardly Expressed) I was Clerk of State Judiciary & finance when the Ordinance passed. ~~making~~ Recognizing Silas M. Parker & D. B. Friar Superindintendance of the rangers. I was Intimate with the Revd. D. Parker one of the members of the Council & a brother of Capt J. W. Parker I Know it was understood that Friar Hillhouse & J. W. Parker were the Commandants of the first Rangers afterwards Seals & Head. but the time they served I cannot say only for those who have had their Claims audited & that from their Certificates

[signature] (TX) Auditor

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