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Upon the return of these cases the auditor is of opinion he is bound from the certificates and testimony to allow them. upon a careful Perusal of the documents it will be seen that Joseph A Parker was One of the commissioners appointed to organize the companies he certifies that James W. Parker was in command Silas M. Parker was massacred before his certificate was obtained. I do not consider I ought to pay James W. Parker as a Captain because his number of ten men was not raised yet I am fully satisfied he was Elected Captain on the first Jany 1836. It also appears in the Case settled by the Council in favour of Silas M. Parker in Jany 1836 that he reported the different companies their Reports cannot be found among the papers filed in the Secretary of States ~~office~~ department. Yet from the Certificate of Joseph A Parker one of the commissioners ~~been~~ and the oath of Claimant I feel satisfied of the facts. when I was auditor in San Filippe I am certain that it was understood there that James W. Parker was Elected on 1 Jany 1836 in place of Capt Hillhouse and so I have always understood the matter. I know it is impossible to have the signature of a field officer because none was there neither was such a thing