New Orleans October 4th 1838

Major M. H. Smith

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you will find three Claims due me from the Government of Texas, and a Letter from Chas. W. Harris Esq. relative to the same, and a power of Attorney to demand and receive the amounts, the Claim of $540 is due me for transporting a number of Troops from New Orleans on the Steamer Louisiana to La Bahia Texas, which were Shipped by Lewis Kenas, a German who was formerly at the Office of Thomas Toby & Brother, and Mr Clark who was the Clerk of the Toby's who now lives at Matagorda will certainly recollect the Circumstance, as I applied to him to know what kind of a document I should take from Kenas to secure me the payment, and he wrote me one and I copied it, and if anything I think Mr Clark will be willing to give a Certificate that he knows that those Troops were Shipped by Kenas on board the Steamer Louisiana, and that I was to receive $540 for the same, and I think the Troops were furnished with provisions, Blankets &c from the Store of the Toby's, this man Kenas was here some time and recruited a number of Troops and Shipped by different Vessels, and I think he Shipped some by the Champion, and finally I think he went down in the Schooner Fanny himself. Mr Clark cannot be mistaken in the man as he was at the Office of the Toby's every day, and I presume that the Troops were received at La Bahia by Mr James Norton, at the Cape Paine may testify to you a Certificate for the receipt of the Troops. I think that Mr Clark and Norton can give such Certificates as will be Satisfactory and enable me to recover what is Justly due me. You will please attend to this business for me, and endeavour to recover the same, say yourself for your trouble and forward me the Balance.

I am most Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thomas Powell

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