Department of State
Columbia 28th Dec. 1836

I certify that as Private Secretary to His Ex. Sam. Houston President &c. I have been engaged for one month and seventeen days until the 12th day of Dec. instant.

And I further certify that I have served as Chief Clerk for the Department of State for fourteen days last past.

John Record Chf. Clk.

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This day Come John Record and says the annexed Instrument is just true and original and he owes the Government nothing Sworn to before

(TX) [signature] auditor

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