Velasco 25th May 1836

Sir Wm,

(If agreeable) I should like to have a discharge. I know of no other means to obtain one but through yourself. The appointment having emanated through Col. Wharton & Genl. Houston both of whom being out of the way, I shall submit my documents to satisfy you that I have in the first place been regularly appointed & recognised, & secondly that I have served faithfully & attentively as Surgeon since the 9th March last.

By reference to No. 1 you will see the appointment by Col. Wharton. No. 2 Recognised by Col. Burton. No. 3 Recognised by Genl. Houston & ordered to Galveston Island. No. 4 Recognised by Col. Morgan with permission to visit this place.

You will also find with your papers that I was recognised & regularly returned by the Surgeon General as Surgeon of the 1st Regt. Texas Infantry.

As I have a family with 5 Children in Bolivar Tennessee whose means of support depends upon my exertions, I wish to return home.

I am entirely without decent apparel, having worn out &

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