

To the Honorable the Senate & the
House of Representatives of the
Republic of Texas.

Your memorialist would respectfully
represent to your honorable body, that in the
summer of 1836 he raised a ~~company~~ of
volunteers in Mississippi for the service of
Texas. And that their expenses on the
road were paid entirely by himself.

That he arrived in Nacogdoches about the
middle of August, 1836, & that himself &
~~about~~ thirty five others joined the
service for six months, & handed in
a muster roll to the then commander
in chief of the army—Gen Samuel
Houston.

At that time great excitement
prevailed in that section of country on
account of an expected Indian invasion, &
we were stationed at that place by the
order of Gen. Houston. The company
remained there near six weeks, entirely
at the expense of your memorialist—
having never received a single ration from
the government, while in service. In
the mean time the fear of the expected
Indian invasion passed over, & Gen. Houston
was elected President— & he (the President)
not thinking the country needed our services
at that time, recommended me to disband them.

It was accordingly done, but not till they had cost your memorialist eight hundred & seventy five dollars, in bringing them to the country, & supporting them while here.

Your memorialist would further represent that neither himself nor any member of his company ever asked or received any thing for their services either in land or money - nor do they now require it. But it is submitted to the consideration of your honorable body whether the expenses which your memorialist actually paid out should not be returned to him.

Your memorialist would only further remark, that he had vouchers to prove the correctness of this statement, but in crossing the Colorado river last summer after night, he lost his saddle bags and all his papers.

For the correctness of this statement you are referred to the ^{certificates of the} President - ~~and~~ to Wm. M. Shepherd, & to ~~Mr.~~ M. Tompkins, Esq.

All of which is respectfully sub-
-mitted.

Geo. W. Bonnell

Nov. 14th 1857