

Republic of Texas
Milam County } To His Excellency Sam. Houston.

We the undersigned being the privates & officers in Capt. Daniel Monroe's company of Rangers - known in the Bal. of Rangers as Co. B. would respectfully represent to your Excellency that most of us were enlisted by the said Capt. Monroe & served under him until the time of his removal from office - We would therefore beg leave of your Excellency to make a fair & impartial statement of the course of conduct of said Capt. Monroe from the time we entered the service up to the time the accident took place for which he was cashiered. (Big) Our Co. composed at that time of 17 men (including officers & privates) had been at Ft. Smith about four months, & never had down one particle of food or clothing, only about 2000^{lbs} of pork for the ^{except a small portion of corn} soldiers & four families - except what Capt. Monroe furnished at his own expense (& paid cash for) & what we gathered from the Prairies & woods with our rifles - many times on half rations - in addition to which difficulties we were compelled with our small squad to report once a week to the San Gabriel 25 miles distant to meet the Express from St. Houston - & the same week to Elm Creek 20 miles distant to meet the Express from Capt. Barron at Milam - which took 8 men to go with each Express - The above duties together with the fatigues of hunting for ourselves, & the families in said Ft. rendered it impossible some of the time to have more than two

men on guard at one time - unless we could have entirely
dispensed with the two essentials of human existence - Sleep
& Food - owing to these facts the grass near the Ft. was
all eat down so that the Horses could not get food
nearer than 250 yards from the fort - we further tes-
tify to your excellency that owing to the above facts
Capt. Monroe had a strong pen built adjoining the
fort of the Horses drawn in & strongly guarded every
night - & in the day time owing to hunting & carry-
ing expresses the horses had to be left with a weak
guard - or the families of soldiers must have perished
for want of provisions - we would further state to
his Excel. - that a short time before the Horses were
stolen - that Capt. Monroe became so much
alarmed at the situation of the place that he sent
his resignation to Majr. Smith which he refused
to receive - We can further state to your Excellency
that we have no hesitation in saying that we be-
lieve that Capt. Monroe was one of the most
vigilant officers belonging to the Ranging Corps.
& was ready & willing to obey the Commands of his
superior officers at all times - We therefore
respectfully petition your Excellency that you would
reinstale Capt. Monroe to his former command
& your petitioners as in duty bound would ever
pray for.

Nashville Oct. 6th 1837.

~~Private~~

William F. Moore 1 st Lt.	Thomas Brown
James McLaughlin 2 ^d Lt.	Jos W. Smith
W. W. Roberts. 2 ^d Sgt.	Puttillar Lee
Lewis D. Brown 4 th Sgt.	Lo. W. Dickerson
S. Atkinson 1 st Sgt.	J. Robertson
Lieut. Hill	J. W. Carsthen
Geo. Lee	Alfred Johnson
H. Hamilton	Lewis Johnson
	Daniel Robertson

I hereby certify that the facts herein stated
are correct.

Wm. Smith
Major Comd. Bato of Range