

Adjutant & Inspector General's Office

Austin Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1848

I certify in honor that during the past month, I found in the mountains about six or seven miles north of the San Antonio crossing of the San Marcos, the skeletons of four oxen, with the horns & horns lying near, the ground around strewed with fragments of clothing &c, such as was in the Passagay wagon of the Border Guards -

Having seen the wagon soon after it <sup>was</sup> plundered by the

Indians, & observed the direction in  
which the trail left it - I entertain  
no doubt that the skeletons are  
those of the team of the Border  
Guard wagon, & that they were  
killed by Indians -

H. M. Lord  
Lieutenant Colonel

Wm. A. ...