

The State of Texas, Co. of Jack <sup>1862</sup> Apr 5

To the Honorable

J. H. Lubbock Governor  
of the State of Texas

Dear Sir After so long a time I write you, to inform you of the situation of the state arms in this County in 1860 Sam Houston the Governor of Texas furnished the Jack County Minute Company of Rangers under "Hot Hammer" with ten six Shooters and from the best information that I can get they are all squandered except 2 and one of them is in the hands of Mr Vanleave and he says that the value of it was deducted out of his wages due him for his services in "Hot Hammer" Minute Company, <sup>my</sup> Bill Love has one six Shooter in his possession and he thinks it has been paid for out of his wages he served in "Hot Hammer" Company, also in Capt Darnell's Company, and he thinks that the value of the pistol was deducted out of his wages due him for services under Capt Darnell, I think it possible that Loves pistol has not been paid for though he thinks it has, <sup>my</sup> Bill Love is now in the ranging service under Capt Curington and <sup>my</sup> Bill Love says that if the pistol is not paid for he wishes the value of it to be deducted out of his wages, (TX)

<sup>my</sup> J. G. Fawcett was then acting Chief Justice  
of Gosh County and he took the responsibility  
of taking the individual notes of each person  
that drew a six shooter except Love's the pistols  
have been traded and are all gone except the  
the 2 I suppose the Chief Justice thought that the  
pistoles would be paid for out of their wages  
there never has been any other State arms in  
this County; I delayed giving you an answer  
in order to get all the information that I could  
<sup>my</sup> J. G. Fawcett's Bond is out for the ten six shooters  
as I am informed

Yours with respect  
Robert Bean Chief Justice

As our thanks are due to the Legislators  
and the Governor for the present system of Ranging  
services I consider the present system is the best  
we have ever had though it dose not give  
perfect protection the Indians have stolen  
8 head of the Rangers horses and they are now  
at least 40 miles in side of the Ranger's  
lines, It seems that our Indian troubles will  
never end; The Rangers have not ammunition enough  
to load their guns so I learn; The Citizens are  
almost out of ammunition and we cannot stay  
here without ammunition for the Indians would  
scalp us all yours R. C. Robert Bean C. J. C.

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Robert Benson, C. G.

Fitchboro, Duck Co.

April 5, 1862.

Relative to State arms.

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