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WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON,

March 25, 1905.

The Governor of the

State of Texas,

Austin.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that, under the authority conferred upon the Secretary of War by the joint resolution of Congress, approved February 28, 1905, entitled a "Joint Resolution to return to the proper authorities certain Union and Confederate battle flags", I have caused to be forwarded to you to-day, by express, all the Confederate battle flags that were in the custody of the War Department at the time of the approval of said joint resolution, and that could be identified as belonging to your State or as having been borne by military organizations thereof.

Herewith are inclosed a list of the flags transmitted to you to-day and a copy of Executive Document No. 163, House of Representatives, 50th Congress, which sets forth all the information that the War Department was able to furnish on February 16, 1888, with regard to the Union and Confederate flags then in its custody. A few of the flags that are described in that document cannot be identified at the present time, their numbers or distinguishing marks having been lost, and a few of the flags that could not be identified in 1888 have since been identified and are now returned to the States to which the organizations that bore them belonged.

Very respectfully,

Wm H Taft

Secretary of War.

List of Confederate flags forwarded by the Secretary of War to the Governor of Texas March 25, 1905.

Texas.

Record Number (See H. R. Ex. Doc. No.163, 50th Congress.)	Organization
334	1st Regiment Infantry
223	3rd " Cavalry
110	Hood's Brigade
103	Texas Brigade