

To His Excellency J. H. Murrah Governor
of the State of Texas

We the undersigned
Members of the County Court of Bosque
County wish to make the following State
ment to you, and to the Legislature - in
regard to the Frontier Regiment - or a
portion of the same now stationed
on our Frontier ==

Lieutenant W. R. Chase Quartermaster in
Capt. Boyd's company stationed about
100 miles above here - has established himself
here in Meridian the County Seat of
Bosque County - he has rented a Store
house - to have Corn shelled in - he is
paying Five Dollars per Bushel for
Corn - and giving Twenty Dollars per
Day for Wagons & Teams to haul Corn
from the Brazos from 20 to 30 miles
distant - and has a number of
Men employed to Shuck the Corn
and pays J. J. Greenwade (a Brazos
farmer) Ten Dollars a day for a
Corn Sheller (an article that cost
at first, say Thirty Dollars) after the
Corn is hauled here and Shucked & Shell
ed - sacked &c he then pays - an equal
high price to have it hauled to the
Company - it costs the State ten or
Twelve Dollars per Bushel - to have
the Corn delivered at the Station TX
The same Quartermaster is paying Ten
Dollars per Bushel for Wheat and Thirty

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Dollars per Hundred for Flour - We are informed that Corn can be bought for from \$2 to \$2.50 per Bushel - 40 or 50 Miles from this place and Wheat for Four or Five Dollars per Bushel Such prices being given by Government Officials - places the Necessaries of life - entirely beyond the reach of every poor family in the County - particularly Breadstuffs -

And we would further state that there is no necessity of hauling the Corn to this Town to have it Shucked and Shelled - and are constrained to say that we believe it is done for the purpose of giving Employment to a set of favourites who have invested largely in Wagons & Teams - and the act of giving \$4.00 per day for the use of a Corn Sheller - is we think outrageous - There is Farmers in this County who have been furnishing Corn to Rangers for years - and have always had the Corn Shucked - for the sake of getting the Shucks for their Stock and have helped to Shell it and in most instances have delivered it Shelled So that the hauling of the Corn to this Town and all the additional expense is entirely superfluous -

Your Excellency is of course well posted in regard to the Expense of keeping up this Provisional Regiment

but if all the Ballance of the Quarter Master's of that Regiment get like Lieutenant W. H. Chase of Boyds Company it will certainly take an immense amount of Money to defray the expenses of it -

We have not made this Statement on account of any ill will towards any person but feel it to be our duty as Officers of this County and representing the sentiments and wishes of the Citizens of this County - and your excellency may rest assured that ^{what} we have stated are facts and there is some things we have not stated that probably we ought to set forth for fear we might do an injustice -

In Testimony of all which we the undersigned Members of the County Court of Bosque County hereunto set our hands and the Seal of said Court at Meridian this 18th day of November A. D. 1863

J. K. Helton
Chief Justice

Attest
J. N. Mabray
clerk C. C. B. C.

C. F. Hobbaugh
R. J. Singleton
H. A. Wylie
James Lane
Co. Comr