

## Petition of Martin Allen

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Petitions for remuneration for Services in the Army of Texas by Grant of Land  
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To the Honorable Sennet & House of representatives of the first Congress in the Republic of Texas - In Jenral Assembly  
Convened

Your Petitioner humbly begs leave to lay before your Honorable boddy A Statement of facts Which is well known to Some of Your Honorable Boddy. Your Petitioner wishes to inform Your Honorable boddy that He is one the first settlers of Austins Coloney. Your petitioner Came and Settled in this Coloney in 1821 on the Colorado River, in a part of the Country that was much anoyed by hostile Indians of Different tribes. Your petitioner was allmost Constantly employed for Several years, in Campains & Scouts after them. Myself & two sons, the only Help your petitioner Had to seport a Large family and often furnished Horses Guns Ammunition & provisions to Young Men who ware not in a situation to furnish themselves. Your petitioner Wishes to Lay before Your Honorable boddy, in his own Language many other just & strong Claims which your petitioner have long sought an oppertunity to make known to a free & Republican people. Where Laws are founded on Justice, and true merrit will git its just rights, instid of bribery and corruption, your petitioner wishes to lay before your Honorable boddy, some former Claims of an Earlier date more perhaps any that has been presented. Your petitioner was a vollenteer Soldier in the republican Army of Texas Under Jenal Bernarda Gutaras Commander in Chief of the Army in the Province of Texas, in the year of 1812.

Your petitioner Also had A farther a brother and a Nephew all ingaged in the Same Service. Your Petitioners farther and nephew ware both killed at the battle of the Medeena, 18 miles W of San Antonia on the 18th day of August 1813 Where our Whole Army was Defeted and a Jenral Massecre took place \_\_\_\_\_ no quarter ware given by the Enimy. Your petitioner was on the Day of the Defeat, in Louisiana on A recruiting Service. Your petitioner was promised One League Square of Land in any unapropeated Lands in the province of Texas, this was the terms of our inlistment, my farther brother & nephew All Had Drawn there certificates, but ware all lost on the Day of the Defeete. Your Petitioners farther Left A Widow in Much Distress poore and not Able to seporte her Self by her labour which was the only means She had for seporte, until your petitioner provided for her seport for which She gave Your petitioner A Legal Transfer to All her Husbands interest in the province of Texas, this Sarah Allen was the wife of Benj. Allen Stepmother to your petitioner Which tranfer Your petitioner Still holds in his possession, Your petitioner produced All those well athenticated Dockaments together with Letters of recommendation Cirtified by the Spanish Consul Directed to the Governor of the Province of Texas. Your petitioner makes this brief Statement of Facts in order to Show to Your Honorable boddy that your petitioner have not received the favours, that would have been granted him by the Mexican government Could Your petitioner have aproched the government personally or in his own Language. It is painfull for me to say that I have not been treated with Equal Justice with the first Settlers of the Country. Your petitioner knowing the regulations of the Land Law seeks the Earlies oppertunity to petition the government for an ogmentation of one League Which was granted to All who Did petiton, in this I was presecuted by these who had the intire Controle of All Land matters in this Coloney at that time, there was but one translater in the Coloney, and he refused to write my petition for what reason God only knws. Your petitioner made frequent Applications to the Empersario & \_\_\_\_\_ for Land for his two Sons Miles Allen and James Allen both of whom had been in the Service of there Country from its Earliest Settlement. Neither of them ware granted a foot of land for many years after we settled the Coloney. When your petitioner's Eldest son Drew one fourth League, While many other young men that came to the Country long after they Did, and never have lifted Armes in Defence of the Country had Drawn Some half Leagues some whole Leagues & while your petitioners Second son James Allen have not Drawn Any Land in the Country and has been in the Country for fifteen years, and was in the Service of his Country on the Day of the battle of Sanjacinto. Your Petitioner lays these facts before your Honorable boddy in full hopes & Confidence that he may have Justice done him hereafter. Your petitioner laid all those facts before the Ayuenmentor of the Municipality of Austin in a petition to them to recommend to the Legislator of the State to grant to your petitioner One League of Land as a Compensation for his Services in Texas. this petition was strongly recommended by that boddy together with the recommendation of His Excelency Henry Smith then Political Chief of this Department. Those Lengthey Dockaments ware all translated into Spanish by the Brave W. B. Travis, Esq. and sent on to Montclova byt the hand of the Brave Benjamin Milam Esqr to lay before the State Legislater, Which grant would have been made to your petitioner, had not that boddy been Dissolved by the tirant Santeanna, who soon after invaded out soil. Your petitioner have laid before your Honorable boddy a breef Sketch of those facts that in justice to My Self & my family, I could not have neglected. Your petitioner wishes to inform your Honorable boddy, that he was one of the First volunteers in the expidition agains Sanantonia, and remained in the service until prevented by the loss of health, your petitioner considers himself a Cityzen Vollunter During the War. The services rendered by your petitioner at Sanantonia I appeal to C A Somerville and others that fought with me. Your petitioner considers himself in his Countries Service Since the first day of October 1835 directly or in Directly. Your petitioners health forbids his actual Service in Camp, but your petitioner lives on the publickest road in the Country and has been furnishing All the Soldiers going to and from tha Army at his own Expence, this fact is known to Several of the members of your Honorable boddy, particularly Col. A. Somerville & Capt. M. Baker Esq. Your petitioner have suffered greate loss by the war,

in stock of All kinds Horses Cattle Hoggs & Household furniture kitchen furniture farming utensils blackSmiths & Carpenters tools etc. and many other things too tedious to mention. Your petitioner having now made asbreat a statemennt as the nature of his case would permit in justice to himSelf - Now Submits his Case to the Consideration of your Honorable Boddy for your just and wise Consideration. Your Humble petitioner Solissets your Honorable Boddy to Grant to him One League of Land on a footing with other military Claims for services renderd to the government if in the Wisdom of your Honorable Boddy you think your petitioner worthy of such favours, taking in consideration all his former claimes looses in the War Services rendred to the republick. Such a grant would be the highest boon that could be bestowed on your humble petitioner, or such portion as in your wisdom may think proper to Grant will be thankfully Recd by your Humble petitioner. And your petitioner as in Duty bound will Ever pray (God)

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