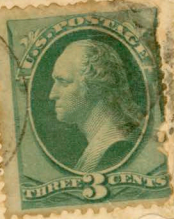




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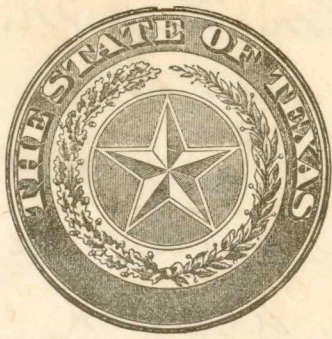


Mrs: Jennie W. Brown  
Glendale,

Cooktown, Tex }

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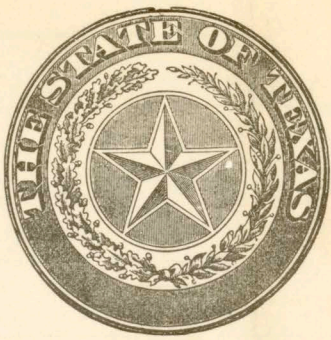
# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Austin, Texas: June 16 1879.

Dearest Mother:

I dropped you on yesterday a P. C. announcing to you the fact that I had been successful in my race for the place of Enrolling Clerk of the House of Representatives. It always gives me great pleasure dear mother to write you of any prosperity and wellbeing. For full well I know that there is no one who rejoices more sincerely over my prosperity or who is more truly sorrowful at my adversity. I made a very excellent run and received a vote which under the circumstances I took as a great compliment. I had three opponents - one an ex-member of the Legislature, and another a son of old Sam Houston of such Texas fame - and one other. I did not commence the canvass till Friday morning preceeding the meeting of the Legislature. My name was placed in nomination by Judge Gray who made a very pretty little speech setting forth my capacity.

to fill the office with credit &c. Hon. Gen. Mr. Bryan of Galveston then rose and seconded my nomination - paying a very touching and apt tribute to my grand father as one of the heroes of the Alamo, and to my father as having fallen at the head of his regiment in the Confederate cause, and concluded by saying in effect "That the young man bore the marks of true nobility stamped on his face." This little speech it is true, was made at my request after his having expressed to me his intention of supporting me. But the sentiments expressed it were the true feelings of his heart in the matter and it was instigated by no friend of mine. There was a total cast of votes of 91 of which on the first ballot I received 44 the remaining 47 being divided in 18 - 18 - 13 among the remaining three. In the second ballot I received 67 votes to 5 - 10 - 13. I was the youngest man in the race by far. I consider the vote as very complimentary. I believe I wrote you that the compensation of my office was the same as that of members, to wit: \$5 per diem Sundays included.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Austin, Texas. \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_

If the session lasts three months as I think it will I will just about get square with the world and have enough money to make the long wished for visit to dear mother and enough left to ~~carry~~ "run me" till January, and then I see the coast clear ahead.

Please give my best love to Mr. Brown, and write me his plans, prospects &c. for the coming year. I am always earnestly interested in such matters as well as in home, neighborhood and plantation news.

Give dear sweet little sister Elsie for me and tell her Burn sends her ever-so-much love. Please also give my love to Harry and Rev. I have not heard from you for a long time, I don't know whether or not Harry has returned from Ky. This leaves me in excellent health with the exception of a bad cold.

Ever your devoted son  
James L. Aubrey