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Houston, Texas, 6, / 13, / '06.

W. T. Shaw, Esq.  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear sir,—Replying to your enquiry concerning the services and loyalty of Frank M. Burke, of Benbow, Texas, as confederate soldier, I will say he enlisted in Co. "H" 2nd. Texas Mounted Rifles, at Weatherford, Texas, about 1st. of April, 1861, and was a splendid soldier. After serving about six weeks under the Lone Star banner, we were transferred to the Confederate service, in accordance with the understanding with which we enlisted, and became the 2nd. Texas Cavalry. We were 12 months men, but remained in service until latter part of July, 1862, when the regiment re-organized. I left, with a discharge, and joined Walter P. Lane's Legion, (of 14 companies.) From my own knowledge, I could not say Mr. Burke remained with the 2nd. Tex. cavalry until the close of the war, but I have it from some of our comrades that he did, and was ever faithful. M. Lasker, of Galveston, Allen Baker, of Millsaps, Tex. Harvey Biggs of Albany. or John A. Lafferty, of Felix New Mexico, or Tom Pickard of Parsons, Texas, can give full information, as I believe all of them remained with the Co. to the last. I mention these, as Mr Burke may not know their addresses.

Before the state was admitted into the Confederacy, she had declared her independent sovereignty as an independent nation, and commissioned Henry Mc. Culloch and John S. Ford to raise a regiment, each, and we have honor of having served under the Lone star when Texas was a republic for the second time, notwithstanding our school marms teach that Texas was a republic once. Pardon my prolixity, for you know all we old fellows love to blow a little. I am very truly yours,

Frank Templeton

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