### 1 a.

Lista de los animales que yo el abajo firmado Ciudado Español he perdido por la Ynsurreccion de D. Juan N. Cortinas los cuales estavan en el punto.

# Llamado Rancho Biejo en este Condado Asaber.

10 14 8	Bacas Gordas, á \$15	180 168 80	00 00
	-	948	00

DIMAS BARREDA.

Brownsville, Enero 26 de 1860.

### 1 b.

Estimate of losses and damages sustained by the undersigned from Cortinas and his force, in Cameron county, State of Texas, during the months of October, November, and December, 1859, and January, 1860:

Loss sustained by the burning of his ranch, including eight buildings and outhouses, the fencing of six hundred acres, and all other improvements of said farm	\$5,000 200 150
Five hundred bushels of corn taken by him, worth \$2 per bushel	1,000 450 320 150 300
joyment of said property, his employés having been driven away and the land deserted	10,000

I certify that the above estimate is substantially correct, but does not include the losses and damages sustained by Henry Meaver, who was living upon my land at the time of the loss of the property, and who barely escaped with his life.

E. BASSE.

Brownsville, January 23, 1860.

#### 1 c.

Statement of the actual losses sustained by C. T. A. Bean, by the depredations of the Mexican forces under command of Juan Nepomosina Cortinas, in Cameron county, Texas, in the months of October, November, and December, 1859, viz:

Thirty-two dairy cows, at \$20	\$640
Thirty-two dairy cows, at \$20 Seventy head of stock cattle, at \$12	840
Two work oxen, at \$25	50

1,530

R. J. BEAN, Agent. For C. T. A. BEAN.

Brownsville, Texas, February 4, 1860.

#### 1 d.

Mon Cher M. Hashauer: Je serais heureux si a la reception de la presente vous et votre famille jouissez d'une bonne sante que Je vous desire tant qu' a ma famille et a moi nous somme on ne peut mieux. L'on vient de me dire que le gouvernment U.S. payait le depredation et vols commis par Cortiner et les sieu, si cela Etait Je vous prier Mon cher M. Victor si su ne vous contrarisait pas trop de vous en informer et de donner a qui de droit mes reclamations pour deux chevaux, une vache, un fusil a deux coups, et une carabine, le tout estimé cent vingt-cinq piastres (\$125.) Dans le cas on ma presence serait necessaires faites le moi savoir si Je ne vais pas c'est mes occupation qui me detienner. Mes brebis mette bas en ce moment et Je ne puis guére m'absenter des domestique

Je vous prie de faire mes compliment à l'amis Mallet, Bertrand,

Waters, et autre, et complez moi de vos amis.

L. BESSAUD.

### 1. e.

List of property supposed to be stolen and destroyed by Cortins and his men from Israel B. Bigilow up to the 25th of January, 1860:

200 head of cattle, \$8	<b>\$</b> 1,600,00
100 head of cattle, \$15	1,500 0
4 head of horses, \$100	400 0
1 horse	25 00
2 saddles, \$15	30 00
Property of different kinds at my ranch	200 00

\$3,755 00

ISRAEL B. BIGILOW.

JANUARY 28, 1860.

# 1 f.

# Brownsville, Texas, County of Cameron, January 28, 1860.

A list of property stolen by Nepomocina Cortina and his men, from John R. Blandford, of Cameron county, Texas:

1 horse, saddle, and bridle	30	00 00 00
	130	00

JOHN R. BLANDFORD.

# 1 g.

List of the loss of property sustained by the undersigned by the banditti, headed by Juan Nepomocina Cortinas, to wit:

8 norses, valued at \$50 each	<b>\$</b> 400
14 beeves, valued at \$20 each	280
250 head of breeding cattle, valued at \$7 50 each	1,925
2 oxen and ox-cart, valued at	100
5 saddles, valued at \$20 each	100
1 double barreled shot gun	20
2 holster pistols, valued at \$7 50 each	15
General loss of not being able to attend to the stock for about	
three months	500

3,340

JAMES G. BROWN.

### 1 h.

ROMA, STARR COUNTY, TEXAS, January 26, 1860.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, citizens of the town of Roma, in the county of Starr, State of Texas, doing a mercantile business under the name and style of M. Bustamante & Co., beg leave to represent, that on or about the last day of September, 1859, Myers Levy, one of the partners in said firm, and one of the undersigned, arrived at the city of Brownsville, in the county of Cameron, in the State of Texas, with fifteen (\$15,000) thousand dollars worth of merchandise, purchased in New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, in transit for their commercial house in the town of Roma. That in consequence of a large in\_

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vading army, commanded by one Juan Nepomocina Cortinas, investing said city of Brownsville, and having full and complete possession of all the roads leading thereto, and complete control of the Rio Grande, so as to prevent land transportation or river navigation, your deponents were compelled to keep their merchandise in said town of Brownsville at an enormous expense, until about the fifteenth day of December, 1859; say two months and fifteen days.

That finally, on the said fifteenth day of December they were forced, in order to meet their liabilities in New Orleans, to transport said fifteen (15,000) thousand dollars worth of merchandise to Monterey, in the State of New Leon in the Republic of Mexico, and there make forced sales at great sacrifice, in order to raise the means to meet their

said liabilities in New Orleans.

That the authorities of Mexico took the advantage of the necessity which compelled your deponents to cross their goods to Mexico, and compelled them to pay large amounts of money which under ordinary circumstances would not have been exacted.

That on the 20th day of December, 1859, your deponents had on hand at their mercantile house in the town of Roma, goods, hides, wool, and specie, to the amount of fifteen (\$15,000) thousand dollars.

That on the near approach of the said invading army, commanded by the said Juan N. Cortinas, your deponents were compelled to move the said goods, hides, wool, and specie, to the town of Mier, in the Republic of Mexico, at a very large expense, to prevent the same from falling into the hands of the enemy.

That at the same time your deponents were compelled to fly to the town of Mier to save their lives, and consequently their business was

and is completely broken up.

We therefore beg leave to lay our losses, consequent upon the recent invasion of said Cortinas and his army, at five (\$5,000) thousand dollars.

And as evidence of the justness of our claim, we respectfully beg leave to refer you to the following certificate of gentlemen and merchants of the town of Roma, who are cognizant of the facts.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

M. BUSTAMENTE & CO.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, United States Army, commanding Ringgold Barracks.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, county of Starr:

We, the undersigned citizens and merchants residing in the town Roma, in said State and county, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the business of Messrs. M. Bustamante & Co., and that the above declaration set fourth by them is true in every particular.

We further certify that the amount of five thousand dollars, (\$5,000)

in our opinion, will not cover the losses sustained by them consequent upon the recent invasion of Cortinas and his army.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

NOAH COX. DODDRIDGE & JACOBS.

Witness: Jack R. Everett. John Levy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, county of Starr:

Before me, Peter Dowd, clerk of the county court of Starr county, personally came Jack R. Everett, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, who being duly sworn according to law, declared that he was present, and saw the above named parties sign this instrument of writing, for the purposes and considerations therein set forth, and that he was requested to sign the same as a witness.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the county court on this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

PETER DOWD, Clerk C. C. S. C.

# 1 6.

# RIO GRANDE CITY, January 28, 1860.

DEAR SIR: I see from a notice of Major L. S. Heintzelman, that all persons who have sustained damages from Cortinas or his command, are requested to present them to him or to the commander at Ringgold barracks on or before the 31st day of January, 1860. I therefore respectfully represent that Cortinas took me prisoner about the 25th day of October last, and after keeping me in confinement ten days he released me, taking from me my horse, saddle, and bridle, one six shooter, one Sharpe's rifle, one bowie knife, and six dollars in cash. He also took from my ranch one gentle ox. The damages sustained by my imprisonment was much more than the value of the property taken from me to say at least one thousand dollars.

I will also represent to you that I also received a heavy damage from the occupation of the Texas Rangers of my ranch near Browns-ville. They burnt up my pens and fences for fire-wood, and one horse by accident. They also used a few hogs and goats and fifty barrels of sweet potatoes, and for which the commander refuses to pay me, although entreated to do so, and he cannot deny that the above articles were used, and that they took possession of my ranch and made use of

my property without my consent.

I estimate the value of the property taken by Cortinas at fully two hundred dollars, and the value of property destroyed by Tobin's command at fully one thousand dollars, all of which are respectfully submitted by your obedient servant,

F. M. CAMPBELL.

P. S.—It is notorious that Tobin bought no wood for the use of his men, although it could have been bought at a moderate rate.

CAMPBELL.

Captain J. B. RICKETTS,

Commander at Ringgold barracks.

# 1 j.

List of property stolen or destroyed by Juan Nepomosina, and his men, belonging to Gabriel Catsell, of Brownsville, Texas, and situated on his rancho called the "Saus," in Cameron county, Texas.

170 stock cattle, worth \$7 each	500 00
	1,790 00

STATE OF TEXAS, county of Cameron:

On this twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, Gabriel Catsell, to me well known, who being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath that the above is a true list of property lost by this deponent—stolen or destroyed by one Juan Nepomosina Cortina and his men—amounting to seventeen hundred and ninety dollars.

G. CATSELL.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my notarial seal at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary public.

### 1 k.

Brownsville, Texas, January 31, 1860.

The above named stock was all taken by Cortinas, or the men under his command.

Respectfully submitted by yours, very truly,

Major S. P. HEINTZELMAN,
United States Army.

### 1 l.

Statement of the actual losses suffered by Albert Champion, be dations of the Mexican forces under command of Juan Cortinas, in Cameron county, Texas, in the months of No December, 1859.	Nepomos	ina
700 head of horned cattle, (of which about 350 were large fat steers;) the steers worth \$20 each, and the others		
\$15 each ; total value	\$12,250	00
12 horses, worth \$60 each	720	00
7 mares with colts, \$25	175	
1 jack	200	00
1 jack	225	00
Farming tools	200	00
20 work oxen, valued at \$25	500	
3 carts, valued at \$75	225	00
Increase of stock cattle for the last twelve months;		
say 250 calves, valued at \$5	1,250	
60 bushels of corn, valued at \$2	120	00
Loss at stock farm	15,865	00
T		
I am mail contractor on the route from Brownsville to Brazos St. Jago. On the 4th November, 1859, my mail carrier was intercepted by a part of Cortinas's force, and they took from him one mule, saddle and bridle, and		
Brazos St. Jago. On the 4th November, 1859, my mail carrier was intercepted by a part of Cortinas's force, and they took from him one mule, saddle and bridle, and one six-shooter, my property, worth	<b>\$125</b>	00
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Brazos St. Jago. On the 4th November, 1859, my mail carrier was intercepted by a part of Cortinas's force, and they took from him one mule, saddle and bridle, and one six-shooter, my property, worth	\$125 125 600 200 1,050 \$15,865 1,050	00

I have sustained considerable further losses by extra expenses in the mail service, loss of time in services of my employés, and the wages of my men, &c.; the amount of which I cannot now state.

ALBERT + CHAMPION.

Witness:

F. CUMMINGS.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, January 25, 1860.

#### 1 m.

Statement of the actual losses suffered by Nicholas Champion, by the depredations of the Mexican forces under command of Juan Nepomosina Cortinas, in Cameron county, Texas, in the months of October, November, and December, 1859.

Five hundred head of horned cattle, of which 200 were good beef cattle, worth \$20 each, and the other 300 were stock cattle, worth \$15 each; total value of cattle  Twelve horses, at \$60 each	\$8,500 720	00
Thirteen mares, at \$25 each	325 70	-
One stallion	300	
Increase of stock for last twelve months, viz: 150 calves,		•
at \$5 each	750 120	
Total	10,785	00

NICHOLAS + CHAMPION.

Witness: F. CUMMINGS.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, January 25, 1860.

### 1 n.

Statement of the actual losses suffered by Peter Champion, by the depredations of the Mexican forces under command of Juan Nepomosina Cortinas, in Cameron county, Texas, in the months of October, November, and December, 1859.

Twenty-six horses, worth \$60 each \$1,560	
Sixty mares, worth \$25 each	00
	00
Dry goods, groceries, and furniture taken from his house 800	00
Garden crops and fruit trees destroyed 400	00
Damage to house and destruction of fences 500	00
Forty hogs and pigs, at \$6 each	00
One hundred goats, at \$1 50 each	00
Fifty sheep, at \$2 each	00
One hundred and eighty bushels of corn, at \$2 per bushel 360	00
Ten hives of bees, at \$5 each	00
One English double-barrelled gun	00
One rifle	00
One dragoon pistol 8	00

Sixteen work oxen, at \$25 each	\$400 250 150	00
each; total value of cattle	8,500	00
each	800	00
Forty-five colts, at \$12 each	540	00
Two stallions	175	
Poultry, 220 chickens and 6 turkeys	53	00
Total	16,679	00

I have been driven from my house and farm and compelled to take my family to Point Isabel and rent a house; am prevented from planting my farm, and all my business broken up, which has caused me great loss and damage, which I cannot now accurately state.

PETER + CHAMPION.

Witness: F. CUMMINGS.

Brownsville, Texas, January 25, 1860.

List of property stolen or destroyed by Juan Nepomosina Cortinas and his men, belonging to Nicholas Chano, at the ranchos called, one the "Rodes," and the other "Los Prietos."

39 horses, worth \$50 each
400 stock cattle worth \$7 each 9 800 00
200 Block Calle, Willia of Cacit
1 double-barrelled shot-gun, cost
4 muskets, cost \$8 each
3 saddles, cost \$15 each 45 00
1 mule harness, cost 9 00
2 cargoes corn, at \$12 each
7,885 00

Brownsville, Texas, January 25, 1860.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it remembered that on this twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn, Nicholas Chano, to me well known, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath: That he, deponent, has suffered damage by the depredations

committed by one Juan Nepomosina Cortinas and his men to the amount of seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-five dollars, as per annexed list of property stated, which list deponent here affirms to be true and correct.

N. CHANO.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affiix my notarial seal, at my office, in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

# BROWNSVILLE, Texas, February 6, 1860.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your notice to all who had suffered loss at the hands of Cortina and his force, requesting them to present to you a list and valuation of such property, permit me to state that I have lost as follows:

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The property above named was all taken by Cortinas or his force. PETER COLLINS.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. A.

Roma, STARR COUNTY, Texas, January 26, 1860.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, a merchant and citizen of the town of Roma, in Starr county, in the State of Texas, begs leave to represent that he has been for many years a partner in the mercantile house in the town of Roma, known as the firm of Stadeker & Mecklinberger; and as Stadeher, Mecklinberger & Cox, respectively; that the said firm of Stadeker, Mecklinberger & Cox have had wool, lead, and specie to the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) on hand at Roma for shipment since about the last of September, 1859, but were unable to make such shipment on account of road and river being infested by a large invading force under command of one Juan Nepomosina Cortinas; that the failure to get said wool, lead, and specie to New Orleans and New York in time to take up the notes of said firm caused them to pay a very heavy interest in order to raise the required amounts; in the meantime, trusting in a speedy rout of said invading force, and hoping to get the said wool, lead, and specie to market, some of the latest notes due by the firm were protested, causing your deponent's credit, individually, to suffer to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.)

That the said firm of Stadeker, Mecklinberger & Cox was dissolved

by limitation on the 31st day of December, 1859, and hence deponent

puts in this his claim for and on his individual account.

That during a long series of years—to wit, years that the said firm of Stadeher & Mecklinberger and the firm of Stadeher, Mecklinberger & Cox were engaged in business in the town of Roma—all their liabilities were promptly paid until the instance above referred to.

That your deponent, as one of the late firm of Stadeher, Mecklinberger & Cox, was compelled to leave his place of business and seek safety, with the funds on hand belonging to said firm, in the town of Mier, in the republic of Mexico, on account of the near approach of the said invading army, under command of said Cortinas, to Roma, thereby causing him much extra expense and great loss of time, to

wit, the sum of five hundred dollars, (\$500.)

That your deponent was chairman of the committee of safety in said town of Roma, appointed by the American citizens of the place, to keep up a guard, keep out spies on the movements of said Cortinas and his men, to pay all persons thus employed, and to furnish Captain Thomas J. Dergan with money and equipments to proceed to the interior of the State of Texas to call on our fellow-citizens for aid. That in the discharge of these duties he incurred an expense (in cash paid out or for which he is personally bound) to the amount of five hundred dollars, (\$500,) making your deponent's losses, altogether, the sum of six thousand dollars, (\$6,000.)

Your obedient servant,

NOAH COX.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. A., Commanding Ringgold Barracks, Texas.

N. B.—As evidence of the justness of my claim, I beg leave to refer you to the following certificate of gentlemen and merchants fully cognizant of all the facts.

NOAH COX.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

We, undersigned merchants and citizens of the town of Roma, in said State and county, do hereby certify that all the facts set forth in the above declaration, made by Noah Cox, are familiar to us, and are strictly in accordance with truth.

We further certify that the sum of \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) will not cover the losses sustained by him by reason of the recent in-

vasion of Cortinas and his army.

Given under our hands at the town of Roma, State and county aforesaid, this 26th day of January, 1860.

M. BUSTAMENTE & CO. JOHN LEVY.

Witness:

John Martin, Jack. R. Everitt. THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

Before me, Peter Dowd, clerk of the county court of Starr county, personally came Jack R. Everitt, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, who, being duly sworn according to law, declared that he was present and saw the above-named parties sign this instrument of writing for the purposes and considerations therein set forth; and that he was requested to sign the same as a witness.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and affix the seal [L. s.] of said county on this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

PETER DOWD, Clerk C. C. S. C.

#### 1 r.

I, John S. Cross, administrator of the estate of William K. Hervy, deceased, make out a list of the losses sustained by said estate, caused by Cortinas, from the 28th of September, 1859, up to the present date:

Supposed to be one hundred and fifty head of cattle, worth \$7 50 per head	\$1,125 200	
that still remained, and loss of time of hunting for what remained, to the amount of	100	00

JOHN S. CROSS.

JANUARY 28, 1860.

### 1 8.

Roma, Starr County, Texas, January 26, 1860.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned respectfully begs leave to represent that he is a citizen of the State of Texas, and county of Starr; that on the twenty-seventh (27th) day of December, 1859, one J. Nepomocino Cortinas, commander of the army which recently invaded this State and county, did, in person, aided by some twenty or thirty of his retreating forces, take a horse from your deponent at the Saus rancho, and also known as Peter Dowd's rancho; that said horse was well worth seventy-five dollars, (\$75,) for which amount this claim is respectfully presented.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, &c., &c.,

ALCARIO + CRUZ.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. A., Commanding Ringgold Barracks.



STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

I do hereby certify that I was present at the Saus rancho on the 27th day of December, 1859, when one Juan Nepomocino Cortinas and some twenty or thirty of his men came to said rancho and then and there carried off a horse belonging to Alcario Cruz, of the value of \$75.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

Witnesses:

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J. B. JACOBS. JACK R. EVERITT.

# STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr :

Before me, Peter Dowd, clerk of the county court of Starr county, personally came Jack R. Everitt, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, who, being duly sworn according to law, declared that he was present and saw the above-named parties sign this instrument of writing for the purposes and considerations therein set forth, and that he was requested to sign the same as a witness.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said county on this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

PETER DOWD,

Clerk of the County Court of Starr County.



# 1 t.

# RINGGOLD BARRACKS, January 30, 1860.

SIR: The undersigned would respectfully represent that on the entrance of Cortinas to Rio Grande City, on the 24th of December last, he was possessed of the following property, which was all taken or destroyed by Cortinas and his party:

Fence around 300-acre field, made at a cost of fifteen hun-		
dred dollars, burned by Cortinas	\$1,500	00
Damage caused to buildings in Ringgold barracks	2,500	00
House and kitchen furniture	210	00
Hay used and destroyed, about four tons, at \$20		00
Clothing	100	00
4,000 feet of lumber, at \$60	240	00
14 horses, at \$20	280	00
13 ploughs, at \$10	130	00
40 hoes, at \$1 50	60	00
37 axes, at \$2		00
40 sets harness, at \$4		90
6 ox yokes, at \$2	12	00
3 log chains, at \$5	15	00
4 sets carpenter's tools, at \$80		00

12 mattocks crowbars, at \$3  I estimate the damage I have sustained by the burning of my fence and robbing of my farming utensils at two	<b>\$</b> 36 00
thousand dollars	2,000 00
Total	7,717 00
Proofs of the above losses will be presented when require Respectfully, your obedient servant,	d.
Major Heintzelman, United States Army.	DAVIS.

#### 1 u.

# RIO GRANDE CITY, Starr County, Texas, January 31, 1860.

Amount of losses and damages sustained by the undersigned in his mercantile affairs and property during the foray committed by the robber gang under the command of Nepomocino Cortinas, including the amount taken from me by force, in merchandise and cash, on the 25th and 26th ult. to say:

Amount of merchandise taken and damaged, about	\$1,300 00
Amount of damage for goods retained at Brownsville for	2,200
want of safe conveyance to a market	5,200 00
Amount of expenses incidental for safe and mutual protec-	
tion	300 00
	7.900 00

The above damages I will endeavor to prove satisfactory in due time, before the Court of Claims, at Washington, D. C., against the government of the United States, when required.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN DECKER.

Major Heintzelman,
United States Army, Ringgold Barracks, Texas.

#### 1 v.

ROMA, STARR COUNTY, TEXAS, January 26, 1860.

DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned merchants, doing business in the town of Roma, in the county of Starr, State of Texas, under the name and style of Doddridge & Jacobs, beg leave to represent that, during

the latter part of September and first part of October, 1859, we purchased in the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, merchandise to the amount of seventy thousand dollars, (\$70,000,) which merchandise was duly shipped and arrived at the city of Brownsville, in the county of Cameron, in the State of Texas, early in the month of October, in transit for our house in the town of Roma, but it was impossible to remove them from Brownsville on account of a large force of Mexican invaders, commanded by one J. Nepomosina Cortinas, who infested the roads, and rendering it dangerous for the steamer Ranchero to proceed up the Rio Grande, whereby your deponents were unable to dispose of said seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) worth of merchandise, and were at an enormous expense at the city of Brownsville, and our Mr. Doddridge was deprived of the time our great interest demanded in and about the said merchandise at Brownsville, having had to serve as a citizen soldier to protect the town from the assaults of said Cortinas and his men for more than two months.

That during the time our said seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) worth of merchandise was so delayed, "to wit:" nearly three months at Brownsville, by reason of the said invasion, we could have sold the same at a profit of 20 per cent., whereas not being able to sell or dispose of the same and remit to our creditors in New Orleans has dam-

aged our credit to a very large amount.

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That since the 10th day of September, 1859, we have had on hand at our store in Roma thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) worth of hides, wool, and specie; and not being able to remit the same to our creditors in New Orleans, for the reason of the said invasion and infestment of the roads and river by said J. N. Cortinas and his men, our credit has suffered to a large amount.

That we were compelled to remove the said thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) worth of wool, hides, and specie, and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) worth of dry goods and groceries, at an enormous expense, to the town of Mier, in the republic of Mexico, for security, and to

prevent the same from falling into the hands of the enemy.

Therefore your deponents make this their claim for losses sustained by the said invasion of said J. N. Cortinas and his men, "to wit:" the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, (\$15,000;) and as evidence of the justness of our claim, we beg leave to refer you to the following certificates from gentlemen and merchants cognizant of the facts, and who have examined our invoices as to the amount of merchandise bought in New Orleans in the months of September and October, 1859, and other facts.

Your obedient servants,

DODDRIDGE & JACOBS.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. A., Commanding Ringgold Barracks.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr :

We the undersigned, merchants and citizens of the town of Roma, in said State and county, do hereby certify that we have examined the original invoices of merchandise bought by Messrs. Doddridge & Jacobs, in the city of New Orleans, from various merchants, during the

months of September and October, 1859, and find the amount to be

seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) and upwards.

We further certify that the amount and value of wool, hides, and specie held in store by the said Doddridge & Jacobs, which they were unable to ship on account of the recent invasion of Cortinas and his men, was thirty thousand dollars, (\$30,000.)

We further certify that the amount of wool, hides, and specie shipped

We further certify that the amount of wool, hides, and specie shipped or transported to Mier, in the republic of Mexico, for safety, by the said Doddridge & Jacobs, was thirty thousand dollars, (\$30,000.)

We further certify that the amount of dry goods and groceries, sent to Mier for safety by the said Doddridge & Jacobs, was ten thousand

dollars, (\$10,000.)

We further certify that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) falls far short of the actual losses sustained by said Doddridge & Jacobs, consequent upon the recent invasion of Cortinas and his men.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860, at

Roma, Starr county, Texas.

NOAH COX. BUSTAMENTE Y CO.

Witnesses:

JOHN J. FORD.

JACK R. EVERITT.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

Before me, Peter Dowd, clerk of the county court of Starr county, personally came Jack. R. Everitt, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, who, being duly sworn according to law, declared that he was present and saw the above-named parties sign this instrument of writing for the purposes and considerations therein set forth, and that he was requested to sign the same as a witness.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix [L. s.] the seal of said county on this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

PETER DOWD, Clerk C. C. S. C.

#### 1 w.

Statement of loss sustained by me, Antonio Dodier, in cattle, sheep, and horses, by Juan N. Cortinas, or by those under his command, during his late operations on the Rio Grande and vicinity:

About 60 head of cattle	\$420	00
100 head of sheep	100	
10 horses, at \$15	150	00

670 00

ANTONIO DODIER.

Brownsville, January 28, 1860.

1 x.

List of property stolen by Nepomocina Cortinas and his men j nucl Domingos, of Cameron county.	rom 1	la-
One horse of the value of	<b>\$</b> 75 570	
	645	_
MANUEL DOMIN	IGOS.	•
1 y.		
Statement of loss sustained by John A. Finn, in cattle taken by Cortinas, or those under his command, during his late operathe Rio Grande and vicinity.	Juan utions	N. on
224 head of horned cattle, at \$7\$  Besides the above loss, my blacksmith shop has been	1,568	00
closed for the last three months, by which I have sustained loss to the amount of	700	00
in Brownsville to defend against Cortinas. These were worth to me the sum of	200	00
	2,468	00
J. A. BROWNSVILLE, Texas, January 28, 1860.	FINN	•
1 z.		
RIO GRANDE CIT		

January 28, 1860.

Sin: The undersigned, G. W. Foster, would respectfully represent: That on or about the 25th of December, 1859, he was possessed of the following property, which was taken by one Juan N. Cortinas and party, proofs of which will be produced when required:

7 head of horses and mares, at \$50	\$350 50	
	400	00

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. W. FOSTER.

Major Heintzelman, U. S. A.

#### 1 aa.

Lista de los efector siguentes que D. Mates Franco, Ciudadano Espanol, lenia depositados en el rancho de las Rusias, en la Casa de D. Julian Flores con el fin de abrir alli un establecimto de Abarroles, ala Saron que estalló la insurreccion, de D. Juan N. Cortinas, Cugas Ocurrencias le privaron efectuarts, teniend que permaneur en esta Cindar sin poder volver al rancho, el cual fue attanado por las fuerzas Cortinas mas perdiendo toil le que alli temá listo pa. el fin indicada.

A. SABER.

1	Gruesa de Carajas finas, en	\$28	00
14	Cajas Lraves 2mtidos franceses, \$4 25	59	50
7	Cajas Vino frances, \$4	28	00
1	barrél Conac frances con 31 galones, \$2 80	86	80
3	" Brandy con 121 galones, 48c	58	08
2	" Wisgny con 80 galones, 44c	35	20
1	" Ginetra con 37 galones, 47c	18	33
1	Hiracal de Loza Lurtria con 68 Ducs en	64	00
1	barrel Azircar blanca motria con 220th, 14c " us Colorado con 250th smo 500th, 10½c	30	80
2	" us Colorado con 250 <sup>th</sup> smo 500 <sup>th</sup> , 10½c	52	50
1	" Arroz 212th, 7c	14	84
12	qnmtates tabaco, \$16 Lacos de Cafe con 1760 <sup>ths</sup> enpmts, 13c	192	00
11	Lacos de Cafe con 1760 <sup>the</sup> enpmts, 13c	228	80
12	Cajar de Javin, \$5 25	63	<b>0</b> 0
4	Cajar de Javin, \$5 25	15	36
4	Cajar Velas con 40ths ima 160ths, 25c	40	00
1	Cajar Sardinas con 100 medias Latas, 20c	20	00
6	Barrites Harina, 9c	54	00
2	Cajar Achas, \$12 50	25	00
- 5	Dnas Azadones, \$12	60	00
<b>2</b>	barriles Mansica con 220th uno 440th, 14c	61	60
5	Dnas Zapatos para hombre, \$15	75	00
20	Cargas Mair. \$6	120	00
4	Dnas Cuberados pa Crballe, \$4		00
1	Dna frenos mepcanos en	18	00
6	Cargas Piloncillo, \$18	108	00
25	lbs. Clavo de Espeira, 50c	12	50
6	lbs. Anil, \$1	6	00
4	Cajas fiders, \$2 75	11	00
<b>2</b>	Cajas Fallarin, \$2 75	5	50
4	Cajas Pasas de Malaga, \$4	16	00
1	Currete Manleguella con 100th, 25c	25	00
2	Sacos de Sal moliva, \$4	8	00
<b>2</b>	Cajas Azucar candy, \$11	22	00
2	Dnas Eseobas. \$3 50	7	00
2	Cajas Vasos con la Dinas enpnt. \$1	12	
z	Dnas pomos Vanos de Cristal, 75c	18	
2	Dnas Zapates pa. tra, \$3 75		50
500	Puntes Hollas de Heero, 10c	50	00

2	Sacos de Muricion, fina, \$2 25	\$4	50
2	Sacos de portas, \$2 75	5	50
2	Cargas frijol., \$12	24	00
50	lbs. Ploma en Varillas, 10c	5	00
50		8	00
	lbs. Hins, 30c	7	50
25	lbs. Conino, 30c	ż	50
2	lbs. Romen, 75c	i	50
จึ	lbs. Alhucema, 75c	î	50
5	lbs. Organo, 62½c	î	25
1	Rosa de Castilla	î	00
- 1	The Objects blace 750		
*	lbs. Chigurte blano, 75c	15	00
Ī	Caja con 25 panos de polrora, fina, 624c	15	62
Ð	Millares Cajunts a juneva de agua, \$1 75	8	75
5	Millares Cajunts de Sombrerito, \$175	8	75
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	Ymportante	1,876	68
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В	ROWNSVILLE, Inero 27 de 1860.		

# 1 ab.

List of property stolen from Pedro Garcia by Nepomocina Cortinas and his party in Cameron county.

2 1	American mule	\$120 100	

220 00

PEDRO GARCIA.

### 1 a c.

List of property stolen by Nepomocina Cortinas from John Gholson, of Cameron county, Texas

Cameron county, 1 exces.		
5 mules, at \$60	<b>\$</b> 300	00
3 mares, at \$25	75	
4 horses, at \$35	140	00
Household furniture and clothing of the value of	350	00
One half-blood American horse	75	
	940	00

JOHN GHOLSON.

JANUARY 28, 1860. H. Ex. Doc. 81-3



# 1 a d.

List of the loss of property sustained by the undersigned by the banditti headed by Juan Nepomocina Cortinas, to wit:

300 bushels of corn, valued at \$1 50 per bushel		00 00 00 00
•	3,712	

ADOLPHUS GLAWECKE.

Brownsville, January 23, 1860.

### 1 a e.

Account of property lost and destroyed by Nepomocina Cortinas and his gang, belonging to Miguel Gonzalos.

Eighty-five head of cattle, \$7 per head	<b>\$</b> 595	64
head	1,100	00
Twenty-five head of hogs, \$5 per head	125	00
Twenty-four head of goats	30	
Two horses	150	00
Two saddles, bridles, and blankets	30	00
One double-barrelled shot gun	15	00
One rifle	25	00
One carbine	8	00
Five ploughs, \$10 each	50	00
One do	14	00
Six ox-yokes, \$2 each	12	00
Two log-chains	6	00
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MIGUEL GONZALOS.

2,160 00

# 1 a f.

# Brownsville, Texas, January 23, 1860.

Siz: I compliance with your notice to all persons who have lost property during the late disturbances, requesting them to present to you a list and valuation of such property, permit me to state that I have lost as follows, to wit:

All the property above named was employed by me as mail contractor in the mail service of the United States. All of it was taken by Cortinas or his command.

JOHN GRAHAM, Mail Contractor.

Major S. P. Heintzelman,
Major 1st Infantry, Commanding Brownsville Expedition.

# 1 a g.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr :

Jane S. Hedrick respectfully represents, that on the night of the 26th of December, A. D. 1859, her store, in Rio Grande City, said county and State, was broken into by a body of Cortinas's men, who then had possession of Rio Grande City aforesaid; that said body of men carried off goods and merchandise belonging to the said Jane S. Hedrick from her store, in Rio Grande City, to the amount of five thousand dollars. Deponent further states that her business was greatly damaged by the invasion of Juan N. Cortinas, by the detention of freights and general prostration of business; that she had large quantities of wool and hides at the Tabasco rancho, thirty miles below said Rio Grande City; that she was obliged to remove the goods from her store there and secrete them in the chaparral, causing great loss, damage, and expense, amounting to one thousand dollars, making the losses sustained by deponent the sum of six thousand dollars. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JANE S. HEDRICK.

Frank S. Taylor, agent and clerk of Jane S. Hedrick for the past six or eight months, hereby certifies that he believes the above state-

ment of Jane S. Hedrick to be true and correct, and that sufficient legal testimony can be produced to prove the above-stated facts when the occasion requires it.

FRANK S. TAYLOR.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

Before me, Peter Dowd, clerk of the county court of Starr county, personally appeared Jane S. Hedrick and Frank S. Taylor, and acknowledged that they had signed, sealed, and delivered the foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes and considerations therein set forth.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said county on this 30th day of January, A. D. 1860.

PETER DOWD, Clerk of the County Court of Starr County.

#### 1 a h.

Statement of the actual losses sustained by William Johnson by the depredations of the Mexican forces under command of Juan Nepomocius Cortinas in Cameron county, Texas, in the months of September, October, November, and December, 1859, and January, 1860.

80	beef cattle, at \$20 each	\$1,600	00
255	heifers and calves, at \$10 each	2,550	υē
	dairy cows, at \$20 each	1,400	00
	horse	· 40	00
1	horse	60	00
	hogs, at \$8 each	800	00
70	sheep, at \$2 each	140	06
90	sheep, at \$2 eachgoats, at \$1 50 each	135	00

6,725 00

WM. JOHNSON.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, January 26, 1860.

# 1 a i.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, January 23, 1860.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with your posted notice of the 21st instant, I hereby inform you that during our late disturbances I lost a dark gray horse, bearing my brand E. K., which has been stolen or driven away by Cortinas or his command from the range of Mr. Millshead, a few miles from our city. The value of the horse is \$50.

Very respectfully, yours,

E. KARPELES.

S. P. Heintzelman,
Major United States Army.

# 1 a j.

# Brownsville, January 27, 1860.

It is impossible	now to state	the prec	cise items and	amount of	f my
loss by Cortinas as	nd his follower	s in his	late operatio	ns on the	Rio
Grande:			-		

I had furniture, clothing, &c., &c., stored at F. Reast's house, valued in gross at, say	<b>\$1,000</b>	00
Books, notes, and accounts	1,500	
The property stored with Reast, with the books, notes, and accounts are burned, my loss incidental to my expulsion from my place, with actual expense incurred, will		
not be less than	800	00
This last includes loss of crop.	3,350	00

### SAMUEL KATHENS.

### 1 a k.

# Losses sustained by James Kearns, of Brownsville, Texas, from Cortinas or his banditti, viz:

1 horse (stolen from Fort Brown)	45	
of September, 1859, by the gang of Cortinas	10	00
	125	

J. KEARNS.

### 1 a l.

# RIO GRANDE CITY, January 27, 1860.

Amount of losses sustained by me in my mercantile affairs and property at this place and vicinity during the foray committed by the command of Juan Nepomosina Cortinas, including the amount of merchandise his force robbed me of by force of arms; to say—

Since September last, from want of safe conveyance to a port of entry, my notes, due to merchants in New York city, New York, have been protested, for want of payment, in a large amount; and in view to save my credit thence I shall have to lose or sacrifice the amount of about

\$8,651 00

During the time intermediate I have expended for public and private defence in incidental expenses for men, assistance, provisions, and forage, about	\$1,800 0	0
to the balance on hand, at about	14,806 7	8
For the amount of loss sustained in the decrease valua-		
tion of one lot of hides and wool that have been kept in		
store for want of due conveyance to a port of entry, about	800 0	Ю
For amount of incidental expenses paid, including cart-		
age, ferriage, &c., in the removal of merchandise to	*0 100 0	20
Mexico for protection, about	2,100 0	N
From the suspension of our general trade during the		
troubles now yet existing, as a consequence the want of use of my storehouses, and everything appertaining,		
will prove a material damage by being forced to rent		
other houses instead, at other places, for about	3,600 0	00
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	31,757 7	78

The above damages I will endeavor to prove satisfactorily in due time, when I shall make a claim against the United States for all losses incurred now and hereafter; should there be any more, by a proper petition and forms according to the rules and regulations of the Court of Claims at Washington city, D. C., including duly authenticated proof to substantiate it.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. KELSEY.

The Commanding Officer U. S. A.,

At Ringgold Barracks—Present.

# 1 a m.

Brownsville, January 28, 1860.

The steamer "Ranchero" was detained at Brownsville from the 28th of September, 1859, the day Cortinas and his band attacked the town, until the 9th day of January, 1860, it being considered unsafe to send her up the river during that time, as Cortinas had complete command of the river from Brownsville to Rio Grande City and Roma, although large quantities of freight were awaiting shipment up the river, and also from Rio Grande City and Roma downward. A large amount of the freight thus awaiting shipment was crossed on to the Mexican side of the river, both at Brownsville and Roma, and transported by land to its destination. During this time an escort was twice asked for, to enable the boat to proceed up the river, first from Captain Ricketts, and, second, from Major Heintzelman, U. S. army,

but from the very small force at their command they were unable to grant the request.

W. KENEDY & CO.

#### 1 a n.

# RIO GRANDE CITY, January 30, 1860.

SIR: The undersigned would respectfully represent, that during the occupation of Rio Grande City by Cortinas and band, his house was entered and robbed of the following property:

1 navy pistol	\$27 20	
1 cot, (destroyed) 1 trunk, containing clothing and valuable papers	7 150	
	204	50

Proofs of the above will be produced when required.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

RICHARD KENNON.

#### 1 a o.

Statement of property which was owned by me, and left at my farm in Hidalgo county, about sixty miles above Brownsville, on the Rio Grande.

All has been taken, with the exception, perhaps, of some of the animals, which may have strayed from the flock, but of which nothing can now be determined.

200 cows, with calves, at \$20	\$4,000	00
85 mares, with colts, at \$35	2,975	00
15 horses, at \$25	375	00
1 horse	60	00
50 hogs, at \$6	300	00
Destruction to fences and outhouses	200	00

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1 chest carpenters' tools, complete	00
House robbed of furniture and clothing, &c 500	00
Farming utensils, hoes, axes, ploughs, crowbars, &c.,	
too numerous to mention	
- Joze or once, at <b>V</b> -0111111111111111111111111111111111111	00
1 silver-mounted saddle	00
3 common saddles, at \$10	00
1 Colt's revolver	00
1 Derringer pistol 8	00
1 double-barrel shot gun	00
	00
1 large silver-mounted knife	00
Kitchen utensils	00
2 pair glass doors, at \$10	
	00
1 churn 2	50
0.110	ΕΛ.
9,110	
	00
Damages for not being able to plant this year 1,000	00
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10,115	50
5 pieces white cotton sheeting, at \$5 \$25 00	
4 pieces denims, at \$6 24 00	
5 pieces hickory shirting, at \$5 25 00	
4 pieces calico, at \$4 16 00	
90	00
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10,205	50
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SANFORTH KIDDER.

Brownsville, January 27, 1860.

# '1 a p.

1,250 00

Farming implements Ten work oxen, at \$25	\$200 00 250 00
Joseph Kleiber's loss as far as ascertained	3,500 00

The bandits burned the log-house on the farm; it belonged to Misses Josephine and Mary Butler, Mrs. Emma Kleiber, and Kate and Annette Jurpey; worth \$300. Total loss on the farm, \$3,800.

He has been compelled to abandon the farm, and has lost the opportunity of planting crops this season, and thereby has suffered much other damage, but at present the amount cannot be stated.

JOSEPH KLEIBER.

W. F. CUMMINGS,

Agent.

Brownsville, Texas, January 27, 1860.

# 1 a q.

# RIO GRANDE CITY, January 28, 1860.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned respectfully begs leave to represent that he is a second lieutenant in the first regiment of artillery, United States army; that about the 24th day of August, 1859, your deponent arrived at Ringgold barracks, in Starr county, Texas, near the town of Rio Grande City, under orders from the War Department to proceed to Fort Duncan to attend to business of great importance to the department.

That your deponent was accompanied by his wife and his aunt, (Mrs. Shannon,) having with them a large amount of newly-made and valuable wearing apparel and a large amount of table and bed furniture in transit for Fort Duncan; that said wearing apparel was procured at Brownsville, under the impression that your deponent would

be ordered to remain permanently at Fort Clark.

Your deponent proceeded with his family and a part of said abovenamed property to Fort Duncan, but was soon after ordered to return to Brownsville. Arriving at Ringgold barracks about the 2d of October, 1859, with his family and baggage, was compelled to store the said baggage, which he did within the limits of Ringgold barracks, under the care of William M. Robertson, esq., a gentleman well known and much appreciated for his honorable deportment, and who had formerly been in the employment of the government; that your deponent was so compelled to make this disposition of his property in order to send back to Fort Hudson the two wagons he had with him to meet a necessity in an expected movement about to take place at Camp Hudson; that, after depositing the said property within the limits of Ringgold barracks with the said Robertson, with instructions to forward the same to Brownsville on the steamboat called the Ranchero, your deponent, his wife, and aunt, (Mrs. Shannon,) proceeded on their way to Brownsville, to which place he was ordered; that, after reaching the town of Edinburgh, in Hidalgo county, opposite the town of Reynosa, in the republic of Mexico, your deponent heard that one Juan Nepomocina Cortinas, at the head of a large force of men, was investing the city of Brownsville and the roads leading thereto, with the avowed intention to destroy said city and murder all Americans he might be able to capture on the roads; that your deponent was compelled to cross the Rio Grande with his family and proceed on his journey to Matamoras, in the republic of New Mexico, and from thence to Brownsville.

That afterwards, to wit, on or about the 24th of December, 1859, the said Cortinas and his said command did rob and plunder all my said property left in charge of said Robertson in the storehouse of the late sutler, Mr. James B. McClusky, and murdered the said Robertson and several other Americans who were within the limits of Ringgold barracks, assisting the said Robertson in protecting the said storehouse of McClusky.

That the said property so robbed and plundered was almost entirely new and unused, and belonged respectively to Mrs. Sallie Shannon, Mrs. Kate Moffett, and my wife, Mrs. Kate Langdon, and myself.

That afterwards, to wit, on the 22d day of January, 1860, your deponent arrived at Ringgold barracks, and, after using due diligence in search of his property, was only able to recover two empty trunks and two books of little value.

That all your deponent's private papers, letters, books, and accounts was utterly destroyed by said Cortinas and his said command.

That the value of said wearing apparel and furniture, as near as your deponent can ascertain from the memory of his wife and his aunt, is one (\$1,707) thousand seven hundred and seven dollars.

That, as evidence of the justness of this "my claim," I respectfully beg leave to refer you to the following certificate of gentlemen who have examined the inventory and value of the property described and robbed by said Cortinas and his command.

That your deponent has lost much more than he is able at this time to enumerate, but now only claims for such losses as the memory of his family and himself furnish.

Your obedient servant,

LOOMIS L. LANGDON, Second Lieutenant 1st Artillery.

Major A. P. Heintzelman, Commanding Ringgold Barracks.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are cognizant with all the facts set forth in the above declaration, and that we have examined the inventories presented to us by Lieutenant Loomis Langdon, 1st artillery, United States army, and find the same to correspond with the amount of his claim; that we are well acquainted with the circumstances under which he left his property at Ringgold barracks, and find his said declaration to be true in every sense; that the sum of one

thousand (\$1,707) seven hundred and seven dollars will not, in his opinion, cover his and his family's losses.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals,

this twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. 1860.

J. B. McCLUSKY.

Witness: Jack R. Everett.

H. CLAY DAVIS.

The deponent further states that he will present, when called on, the full list of the articles lost, with the market value of each, and is prepared with any other voucher that may be called for to support his claim.

> LOOMIS L. LANGDON, 2d Lieutenant 1st Artillery.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

Before me, Peter Dowd, clerk of the county court of Starr county, personally came Jack R. Everett, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, who being duly sworn according to law, declared that he was present and saw the above-named parties sign this instrument of writing for the purposes and considerations therein set forth; he also declares, that the interlining was done in his presence, and that he was requested to sign the same as a witness.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said county, on this 28th day of January, A. D. 1860.

PETER DOWD, Clerk C. C. S. C.

# 1 a r.

Roma, Starr County, Texas, January 26, 1860.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, a citizen of the town of Roma, in Starr county, State of Texas, begs leave respectfully to represent: That about the middle of November, 1859, his business (being of great importance) called him to Corpus Christi, in said State, but before your deponent could transact said business he was called back in great haste, to protect his family against an invading army, under the command of one Juan Nepomocino Cortinas; that when your deponent arrived at his home (the town of Roma) the said Cortinus and his army were rapidly advancing on said town of Roma, with the avowed intention of murdering the American citizens and destroying that place; that your deponent has a very large family and a great quantity of furniture, all of which he was compelled to remove to the town of Mier, in the republic of Mexico, in order to save the lives of himself and family, and his property from being destroyed by the said Cortinas and said invading army; that in removing the family and furniture to Mier your de ponent expended large amount of money, to wit : the sum of

five (\$500) hundred dollars; that your deponent suffered the loss of six weeks of his time, which has caused him severe pecuniary loss, but makes no claim therefor, only claiming the amount actually expended in the protection of his family and furniture from the said Cortinas and his invading army.

That as evidence of the justness of my claim, I respectfully beg leave to refer you to the following certificate of gentlemen and mer-

chants of Roma.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN LEVY.

Major J. B. Heintzelman, U. S. A., Commanding Ringgold Barracks.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Starr:

We, the undersigned, merchants and citizens of the town of Roma, in said State and county, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with all the circumstances set forth in the above declaration of John Levy, and that the same is a true statement of the facts. That in our opinion the sum of five (\$500) hundred dollars will not cover his losses consequent upon the recent invasion by Cortinas and his army.

Given under our hands, at the town of Roma, this 26th day of January, A. D. 1860.

Witnesses:

Jack R. Everett. John Martin. M. Bustamente, Noah Cox.

### 1 a s.

List of property stolen or destroyed by one Juan Nepomocina Cortinas and his men, situate on the rancho called "Los Indios," in Cameron county, Texas, belonging to James Mallett, viz:

2 doors of frame house	\$12 150	00
Furniture, clothing, provisions, &c., destroyed		
	125	
1 house "	80	00
4 horses, worth \$40 each	160	00
60 beef cattle, worth \$15 each	900	00
125 stock cattle, worth \$7 each  Damages, breaking up my business, and ruining said	875	00
rancho	500	00

Brownsville, January 27, 1860.

2,802 00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it known that on this twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn, James Mallett, to me well known, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath that he, deponent, has suffered damage from the depredations done by Juan Nepomosina Cortinas and the men under his command, to the amount of two thousand eight hundred and two dollars, as per the above statement or list, which deponent here affirms to be true and correct.

### J. MALLETT.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my notarial seal, at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

### 1 at.

List of property stolen or destroyed by one Juan Nepomosina Cortinas and his men, belonging to Maxwell and Hough, situated at a rancho called "Agua Negra," about twelve miles from Brownsville, in Cameron county, Texas, viz:

1 American horse, cost	\$100 00
1 Spanish " "	80 00
2 guns, cost \$15 each	30 00
1 silver lever watch, cost	35 00
140 beef cattle, worth \$15 each	2,100 00
Damages for breaking up my business, and taking James	
Maxwell prisoner on two occasions	1,000 00
	3,345 00

BROWNSVILLE, January 27, 1860.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it known that on this twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, James Maxwell, to me well known, of the firm of Maxwell & Hough of said county, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath that Maxwell & Hough aforesaid have suffered damage by the depredations committed by one Juan Nepomosina Cortinas, to the amount of three thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars, as per above statement or bill, which deponent affirms to be true and correct.

JAMES MAXWELL.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix my notarial seal, at my office in the city of Brownville, in said county, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.



#### 1 a u.

Loss sustained by A. McMillan on account of the Cortinas expedition.

One horse and one six-horse team, valued at four hundred dollars.....

\$400 00

A. W. McMILLAN.

JANUARY 27, 1860.

#### 1 a v.

List of property stolen or destroyed by one Juan Nepomosina Cortinas, situate on a rancho called "Anacintas Altos," about twenty-four miles from Brownsville, in Cameron county, Texas, belonging to Jacob Miller, viz:

Fifteen cows, worth \$15 each Six beeves, worth \$15 each Twenty-six stock cattle, worth \$7 each One rifle One musket Two horses, worth \$50 each	90 182 25 8 100	00 00 00 00
One new coat, cost	10	
Brownsville, 28th September last	550	00

1,190 00

BROWNSVILLE, January 28, 1860.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it known that on this twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn, Jacob Miller, to me well known, who, being duly sworn by me according to law, deposes and states on his oath that he, this deponent, has suffered damage from the depredations committed by one Juan Nepomosina Cortinas and the men under

his command, to the amount of eleven hundred and ninety dollars, as per the above list, which deponent here affirms to be true and correct.

JACOB MILLER.

In testimony whercof, I hereto set my hand and affix my notarial seal, at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 28th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

#### 1 a w.

Estimate of the losses and damages sustained by the undersigned from Cortinas and his force, in the months of October, November, and December, 1859:

3 horses, \$663	\$200	00
1 yoke oxen	40	
2 rifles, \$40 and \$20	60	00
1 shot-gun	40	00
2 Colt's revolvers, \$27\frac{1}{2}	55	00
Farming utensils	200	00
Household furniture	200	00
Amount of damages sustained by having to leave home, and		
the entire destruction of business	2,000	00
1 stack of fodder	40	
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	2,830	
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# BROWNSVILLE, January 25, 1860.

We certify that the above statement is substantially correct; that at the time of the loss of the said property we were living at the farm known as the "Striker Place," engaged in farming, about five miles from the city of Brownsville, Cameron county, Texas; and that Cortinas sent his forces and took our arms by force, drove off our stock and the stock of Mr. Henry Scott, which we were pasturing, at the same time ordering us not to leave the place under the penalty of death, but if we would get permission from him (Cortinas) that we could go above, but not toward Brownsville. We remained in this condition something near one month, not daring to leave for fear of our lives and those of our families, there being a permanent guard placed near, which watched every move we made. We finally got an opportunity of escaping with our families by crossing the river into Mexico and coming to Matamoras, from thence to Brownsville. Here we had no means of supporting our families; while there we could make a good living for them and money beside. It has entirely ruined and broken us up, and seriously injured us in many respects.

A. G. MILSTED. JAMES MARTIN.

### 1 a x.

List of the loss of property sustained by the undersigned, by the outlaws headed by Juan Nepomosina Cortinas:

5 cows, at \$15	24	00
	111	00

GUILLERMO MOLINA.

Brownsville, January 29, 1860.

# 1 a y.

List of property belonging to William Neale which was on the Baston rancho, and was burnt, stolen, or destroyed by Juan Nepomosina Cortinas and his band, from the 30th day of October, A. D. 1859, to the present time:

Fifteen thousand feet of pine lumber, at \$50 per thousand		
	\$750	00
One two-horse carriage	250	00
One buggy	75	00
One wagon	200	00
Carriage, buggy, wagon, plough, and cart harness	150	00
Ten mules at \$60 each	600	90
Eight horses at \$50 each	400	00
Household furniture and library	1,500	00
Kitchen and dairy utensils	300	00
Family clothing and jewelry	1,500	00
Provisions and stores	200	
Farming implements, tools, machines, instruments for		
irrigation, &c	500	00
Damages for being driven out of my estate and property,		
and loss of life; use of Nestor Masan's half of the		
dwelling and improvement of the lands	10,000	00
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M-4-1	70 405	ΑΛ.

Oity of Brownsville, January 23, 1860.

#### 1 a z.

List of property lost by William Neale and Nestor Maxan, which was on their estate, commonly known as the Baston rancho, of which they were joint owners, and which was burnt, stolen, or destroyed by Juan Nepomucino Cortinas and his band, from the 30th day of October, A. D. 1859, up to the present date:

1 two-story dwelling-house, with kitchen, storehouse, dairy, &c., built of brick, and with shingled roofs 20 dwellings for servants or tenants, built of wood, and	<b>\$</b> 6,000	
with thatched roofs	1,000	00
Fences of potrero, fields, gardens, lots, and corrals	2,000	
2 corn cribs and stables built of pine lumber and shingled	-,	
roofs	1,000	00
3 farm carts, at \$60 each	180	
200 goats and sheep, at \$4 50 each	. 300	
200 hogs, at \$10 each	2,000	00
Shanghai poultry and aviary	100	
18 work oxen, at \$20 each	360	00
126 cows, at \$12 each	1,512	00
120 steers, at \$15 each	1,800	
4 bulls, at \$20 each		00
93 calves, (two years old,) at \$5 each	465	00
87 calves, (one year old,) at \$3 each	261	
50 orange trees and contents of two gardens	250	
A ALMADA MANA AMERICAN AL ANA PRESIDENTIAL		
	17,308	00

W. NEALE. NESTOR MAXAN.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CAMERON,

City of Brownsville, January 23, 1860.

#### 1 b a.

# Losses sustained by Cortinas.

Brownsville, February 9, 1860.

I hereby certify that I have been damaged by Cortinas and his band to the amount of one thousand dollars in the way of damage done to my house and furniture and loss of animals.

BENJ. P. PERRIN.

#### 1 66.

List of property stolen of Vicenty Rameses by Cortinas and company.

Four horses of the value of \$180.

VICENTY RAMESES.

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#### 1 b c.

List of property lost by the undersigned by reason of the invasion by Cortinas and his command on the Rio Grande, viz:

Dwelling and storehouse	<b>\$</b> 600	
Amount of stock on hand in store	1,100	00
Household and kitchen furniture	300	00
Outhouses and fences	350	00
27 head of cattle, at \$8 per head	216	00
17 head of hogs, at \$3 per head	51	00
2 yoke of oxen and cart	150	00
2 fine shot guns	80	00
1 Colt's belt pistol	25	00
2 rifles	40	00
Ferry boat	75	00
Clothing for self and family	150	00
Damages of self and family	2,000	
•	5,137	

FRANCIS PREAST, Cameron County.

# 1 b d.

Amount of loss and damage sustained by me from the band of robbers under the command of Juan Nepomocina Cortinas, and which was taken from me by force of arms without my consent or knowledge, to say:

RIO GRANDS CITY, January 29, 1860.

DIMASIO + RODRIGUES.

Gaptain RICKETIS, U. S. A., Commanding, &c., Ringgold Barracks.

### 1 be.

List of property lost and destroyed belonging to Thaddeus J. C. Rhodes by Juan N. Cortinas and his band, from the 28th day of September, 1859, up to this the 26th day of January, 1860, to say:

1 dwelling-house, value	\$500 00
1 dwelling-house	350 00
4 small jackalls, \$50 each	200 00
1 corn crib	100 00

Fences and gates	\$600	00
House furniture	150	0 <b>0</b>
Kitchen furniture	50	00
Kitchen and pantry ware	100	00
Medicines	150	00
Clothing	200	00
Poultry and bee-hives	50	00
1 double-barreled shot gun	35	00
1 six shooter, (Colt's)	25	00
1 musket	-8	00
25 bushels corn	30	00
Provisions	75	00
1 box carpenters' tools	25	00
90 head sheep and goats, at \$1 50 per head	135	
37 head cows and calves, at \$10 per head	370	00
70 head hogs, at \$5 per head	350	
31 horses	1,395	00
1 mule	75	00
2 mares, at \$30 each	60	00
1 American stallion	250	
5 oxen, at \$20 each,	100	
Medical and other books	50	00
Garden namted	100	00
Garden planted	75	00
20 large benches	50	60
2 saddles and bridles	30	
2 saudies and printes	30	w
	5 696	00
Add to the amount for damages	5,686	
And so the amount for damages	3,500	00
	9,188	00
	7,100	

THADDEUS M. RHODES.

Brownsville, January 26, 1860.

# 1 bf.

List of property stolen or destroyed by Juan Nepomucino Cortinas, belonging to a rancho about three miles from Brownsville, on land leased from John Treanor, as per the records of the county court of Cameron county, the property of Robert Shears, of Brownsville, Texas, to wit:

2	houses, cost	<b>\$</b> 80	00
3	Spanish horses, cost	75	00
1	American mare, cost	100	00
32	cows, \$10 each	320	00
13	large hogs. \$8 each	104	00
21	small hogs, \$2 each	42	00
4	dozen grown chickens	8	75

17 ducks Furniture and cooking utensils 2 hoes 2 spades 1 plough 2 sets of wagon harness 2 fifth chains, for oxen 2 yokes Fences around two fields	2 5 18 10 6	
	884	75

Brownsville, January 24, 1860.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it remembered that on this twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn, Robert Shears, to me well known, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath that he has suffered a loss by the depredations of one Juan Nepomucino Cortinas, and men under his command, to the amount of eight hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-five cents, as per the foregoing list of property, which deponent affirms to be true.

ROBERT SHEARS.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my notarial seal, at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

### 1 b g.

List of property taken and stolen or destroyed by Juan Nepomucino Cortinas and the men under his command, belonging to M. M. Steven, of Hidalgo county, Texas, viz:

2 horses, worth \$75 each	<b>\$</b> 150
1 gun	90 40
1 yoke oxen	30
2 cattle, worth \$5 each	10
60 hogs, breeding sows, worth \$10 each	600
Edinburg, and driving me away from my home and busi-	
ncss	1,000

1,870

BROWNSVILLE, January 24, 1860.

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### STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it remembered that on the twenty-fourth day of the month of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, M. M. Stevens, to me well known, who being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath that he, deponent, has suffered damages from the depredations of one Juan Nepomucino Cortinas and his men to the amount of eighteen hundred and seventy dollars, as per the foregoing list of property, which deponent affirms to be true and correct.

M. M. STEVENS.

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix my notarial seal, at my office, in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

#### 1 b h.

List of property taken or destroyed by Juan Nepomucino Cortinas and his men belonging to William D. Thomas, whose dwelling and property is near a place called "Tio Cano," in the county of Cameron, State of Texas, to wit:

90 horses and mares, worth \$50 each	\$4,500	00
140 cattle, worth \$7 each		
50 sheep and goats, worth \$1 50 each	75	00
4 houses burned, worth	600	00
Household furniture and clothing, worth	300	00
1 chest carpenters' tools, worth	50	00
7 yoke oxen, worth \$40 per yoke	280	00
200 hogs, worth \$10 each	2,000	00
	8,785	00

Add damages for being broken up in my business and driven off....... 5,

5,000 00

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it remembered, that on this twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public, in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, William D. Thomas, to me well known, who being by me duly sworn according to law deposes and states on his oath: that the above list of property belonged to this deponent at the commencement of the "Cortinas troubles" in this frontier, to wit: on the 28th September, A. D. 1859; and that the same has been taken or destroyed by said Cortinas's men, leaving this deponent a sufferer, including damages, to

the amount of thirteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars, for which amount deponent looks to the United States as a citizen thereof.

#### WILLIAM L. THOMAS.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my notarial seal at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1860.

> H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

#### 1 b i.

### Brownsville, Texas, January 31, 1860.

SIR: In compliance with your notice to the citizens of the Rio Grande valley, requesting all who have lost property during the disturbances of the last few months to present a list and valuation of such property, permit me to state that I have lost as follows, to wit:

6 horses, valued at \$40 each		00
1 mare, valued at	30	00
13 cows, valued at \$12 each	156	00

426 00

The above-named stock was all taken by Cortinas, or the men under his command.

Respectfully submitted by yours, very truly,

D. VUBRE.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. A.

# 1 b j.

## The United States to Julius Verbaum, Dr.

For a frame dwelling-house, one and a half stories high, built of frame and lumber, situated about twelve miles from Brownsville, on the Palo Alto prairie, and known as the Palo Alto House, pulled to pieces and destroyed, doors and windows carried off, together with fences and cistern, and also the household furniture destroyed, by men under the command of one Juan Nepomocino Cortinas, in No-

60 00

For 3 oxen, taken by the same party.....

560 00

Brownsville, January 26, 1860.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it known, that on this twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me, Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn, Julius Verbaum, to me well known, who being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath: That he, deponent, has suffered damage from the depredations of one Juan Nepomocino Cortinas and his men, to the amount of five hundred and sixty dollars, as his above account stated, which deponent affirms to be true and correct.

JULIUS VERBAUM.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my notarial seal, at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, on the day and year before written.

> H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

### 1 b k.

List of the property of J. M. Ward, of Cameron county, State of Texas, burned, carried away, or destroyed by Juan N. Cortinas and the force under his command, from the 28th day of September, A. D. 1859, to date.

Houses and fences burned	<b>\$3,000</b>
Six yokes of oxen, yokes, and chains	
Farming utensils	500
Produce and provisions	500
Carpenter and other tools	100
One cart	75
Damage for the loss of two crops	4,000

8,775

J. M. WARD.

Brownsville, January 28, A. D. 1860.

### 1 b l.

Estimate of the losses and damages sustained by the undersigned from Cortinas and his force, in the months of October, November, and December, 1859.

One roan hore	e taken, and	valued	at	\$100
One bay	"	"		75
One dun	"	"		70
One sorrel	"	"		85
One black	44	"		40
Amount of de	amage and l	oss in b	usiness sustained by me by	
being depri	ved of the us	e and en	joyment of said property	1,500

1,870

I certify that the above statement is substantially correct; that at the time of the loss of said property I was and am still keeping a livery stable in the city of Brownsville, Cameron county, Texas, and that said animals were used by me in my said business; that I have not had, and I have not now the means to replace them, and from which has resulted a partial ruin of my business and other serious inconveniences.

W. A. WAUGH.

Brownsville, January 23, 1860.

#### 1 b m.

List of property stolen or destroyed by Juan Nepomocino Cortinas and men under his command, belonging to Doctor R. West and James Johnson, taken from a rancho about seven miles from Brownsville, Texas, viz:

Eighty stock cattle, mostly milk cows, at \$10 each  Ninety goats, at \$1 each	\$800 90 100 210 150 200	00 00 00
Household and kitchen furniture (destroyed)	100 100 1,750	00

Brownsville, Texas, January 25, 1860.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Cameron:

Be it remembered that on this twenty-fifth day of January, A. Deighteen hundred and sixty, personally appeared before me Henry Lyman Howlett, a notary public in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, Robert West, to me well known, who being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and states on his oath, that he, deponent, and one James Johnson, equally interested with this deponent, having suffered damage from the depredations of Juan Nepomocino Cortinas and his men, to the amount of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750,) as per annexed list of property lost, which deponent here affirms to be true and correct. R. WEST.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix my notarial seal at my office in the city of Brownsville, in said county, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1860.

H. L. HOWLETT, Notary Public.

### 1 b n.

List of property s to Mrs. Jane	tolen and	destroyed by C	ortinas an	d his gang, be	longing
to Mrs. Jane	Weyman,	together with	damages	sustained on	his and
their account.	•	•			

Twelve head of half-breed Durham cows, all gentle milkers, at \$30 each.	<b>\$</b> 360	00
Twelve yearlings, same blood, at \$10 each	120	00
Twelve calves, at \$5 each	60	00
Two bulls, at \$26 each	50	00
Damage in loss of rent of farm on account of tenant's being driven off by Cortinas's men. Damage on account of the loss of cows, causing me to fail in supplying customers		
with milk up to the present time, at \$60 per month	180	00
Total	970	00

JANE WEYMAN.

JANUARY 28, 1860.

#### 1 b o.

### RIO GRANDE CITY, January 25, 1860.

SIR: The undersigned would respectfully represent that on or about the 25th of December, 1859, they were possessed of the following property, which was taken by Juan N. Cortinas and party:

Twenty-two horses, mules, and mares, at \$50 each	\$1,100 00
One silver-mounted rifle	30 00
One pair blankets	7 00

1,157 00

Respectfully, your obedient servants, WHEELER & SANDERS.

Major Heintzelman, United States Army.

# 1 b p.

Account of property stolen and destroyed by Nepomocina Cortinas and his men, belonging to Nathaniel White, at a place called "Tio Beano," in the county of Cameron.

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Two hundred and fifty head of cattle, at \$7 per head	\$1,750	00
Sixty-two head of gentle cows, at \$15 per head	930	
Thirteen head of gentle oxen, at \$20 per head	260	00
Four hundred head of hogs, at \$5 per head	2,000	00
Twenty-five head of horses, mares, and mules, at \$50 per	,	
head	1,250	00
Five houses burned	500	

Eight pair of cart-wheels, at \$15 per pair	<b>\$</b> 120	00
Two carts, complete, at \$50 each	100	
One set of blacksmith's tools	75	00
One chest of carpenter's tools	95	00
Clothing and furniture	350	00
Three hundred and seventy-five bushels of corn, at 10s.		
per bushel	468	75
Seventy-two bushels Mexican frejolas, at \$2 per bushel	144	00
One thousand four hundred pumpkins, at \$4 per 100	56	00
Burning fence on farm	200	00
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	8,298	75

### NATHANIEL WHITE.

## 1 bq.

A list of property stolen and carried away by Nepomocina Cortinas and his party, belonging to Salome Young, of the county of Hidalgo, in the State of Texas, from the 1st of October, 1859, to the 25th of January, 1860.

Eight hundred head of horned cattle, at \$10 per head	\$8,000 00
Three mules, at \$50 per head	150 00
One horse	25 00
One saddle	15 00
Two barrels agucidente	30 00

8,220 00

SALOME YOUNG.

### 1 br.

Estimate of the losses and damages sustained by the undersigned from Cortinas and his force, in Cameron county, State of Texas, in the month of December, 1859, and January, 1860.

Forty head of horned cattle taken and destroyed by said Cortinas and his men, worth \$15 per head Eight head of horses and mares taken by him, worth \$50	<b>\$</b> 600	00
per head	400	00
Merchandise taken from his store, worth	17	00
Amount of farming implements and ranching tools	25	00
One saddle and bridle	20	00
One rifle	12	00
One musket	5	00

1,079 00

Brought forward  Amount of damage sustained from a deprivation of the use and enjoyment of said property, and from the driving off of his other stock from their range, and by the loss of servants, and in consequence of his being driven off, and		00
being obliged to abandon his commercial and other business	5,000	00
Total	6,079	00

I certify that the above estimate is substantially correct; that I escaped from my place of business about the last of November, 1859, to Brownsville, where I have been compelled since to remain.

A. YZNAGA.

Brownsville, January 24, 1860.

### 1 b s.

Statement and value of property belonging to the rancho "San Salvador du Lule," in Hidalgo county, Texas, (97 miles northwest of Brownsville, 40 miles north of Edinburg, and 7 miles west of the Sal du Rey,) owned by Mr. Kenedy, of Brownsville, and taken care of by Jacob F. George and ten Mexican herdsmen.

1,576 head of horned cattle, at \$7	\$11,032	00
400 head of beeves, at \$20	8,000	00
2,400 head of improved goats, at \$1	2,400	00
18 head of horses, at \$40	720	00
1 mule	60	00
Improvements are one frame house, 40 by 20 feet, and the necessary jacales for the herdsmen, and corrals for the		
above stock	1,200	00

23,412 00

The rancho was first visited by Cortinas's men on the 26th October, 1859, at which time J. F. George and the men were driven off. Previous to this all of the horses, mares, and mules belonging to the rancho, with the exception of what is mentioned above, were driven off to a place of security. The marauders also took the above-mentioned horses and mule, and also drove off a number of cattle, principally beeves. All of the above stock watered at a well, and in consequence of the men being driven off the stock necessarily scattered in search of water, the nearest being the Rio Grande, 40 miles distant.

The rancho has been at the mercy of the marauders since the 26th of October last, and is so up to this time. It is impossible for me to say what damage I have sustained, not only from the impossibility of getting herdsmen to gather what stock may be left, but the great danger to persons, except in large parties, going into the country, as

it is a well-known fact that up to this time the marauders have free access to it.

M. KENEDY.

Brownsville, January 28, 1860.

Brownsville, January 28, 1860.

I would furthermore state that Jacob F. George had a small store and some household furniture in the rancho, of the value of about two hundred dollars, which I am satisfied was wholly destroyed.

1 b t.

BROWNSVILLE, January 28, 1860.

SIR: In accordance with a notice issued by you, calling on the citizens for information in regard to the amount of property stolen or

destroyed by Cortinas and his band-

On September 28, 1859, I had on my rancho, situated on the Rio Grande, fifteen miles above Brownsville, four large dwelling-houses, with kitchens attached, 1,600 yards extra quality fencing, one corral, the crop of corn and other produce, farming tools, cord wood, cattle, hogs, one horse, and other property impossible for me to recollect at present. The whole I value at three thousand dollars.

Owing to the danger in travelling through the country it is impossible for me to state whether all or any part is destroyed or not. I

believe it is destroyed.

Respectfully, yours,

HUGH O'CONNOR.

Major HEINTZELMAN.

1 b u.

Brownsville, Texas, January 29, 1860.

SIR: In accordance with your call upon the people of the Rio Grande frontier to present to you within a week a statement of their losses by the predatory band under Cortinas, we have to state that we cannot in so short notice arrive at any certain or proximate amount of our losses.

We had at the commencement of his depredations upon our cattle rancho over two thousand head of cattle and horses. At one period since then not two hundred were to be found upon the place. Since then a portion of them have been recovered; others will be lost, but how many it will be impossible to determine.

The stock consisted of about two hundred head of beeves, waiting

the spring market at New Orleans, worth at the ranche \$20 per head; the others were worth \$8; horses \$30.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. J. PARKER, WM. G. HALE, By F. J. PARKER.

Major S. P. HEINTZELMAN,

U. S. A., Commanding Fort Brown, Zexas.

### 1 b v.

Statement of property belonging to the rancho called "Santa Rosa," situated in Cameron county, Texas, owned by Charles Stillman, of Brownsville, Texas, occupied and taken care of by ten men, viz:

Two imported full-blood stallions.

Nineteen stallions.

Fifteen proof jacks.

Four hundred and fifty mares.

Four hundred and fifty mares, Seventy-seven gentle horses, One hundred and sixty geldings. Two hundred and fifty-three mules.

Nineteen jacks and genets.

Six hundred and eleven stock cattle, (horned.)

Four imported bulls.

Five rifles.

One year's stock of corn, in corn-house.

Two carts.

Saddles, bridles, harness, hides, tools, implements, &c. &c.

The above named rancho, "Santa Rosa," was visited three times by Juan Nepomosina Cortinas's men, and the last visit they made, they took all my men prisoners, (seven of whom escaped—the other three still remain with Cortinas,) thereby taking complete possession of my said rancho, under whose control it still remains.

Signed in duplicate, CHARLES STILLMAN.

Brownsville, January 24, 1860.

#### 1 b w.

Statement of the losses sustained by Peter Bonchard, in consequence of the depredations committed by Juan N. Cortinas and his followers.

Fifty-eight cows and calves\$20 each	\$1,160
Twelve work oxen25 do	300
Eighteen heifers10 do	180
Three riding horses40 do	120
Forty hogs 6 do 6 do	240

Houses and fences burned	<b>\$</b> 1,500
to leave the farm, &c	1,800
	5,300

PETER BONCHARD.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, March 21, 1860.

### 1 b x.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Brownsville, February 2, 1860.

SIR: Will you please to give us your opinion as to what force of Texas rangers will, for the present, be necessary to be kept in the service for the protection of this frontier.

Yours, respectfully,

ANGEL NAVARRO, ROBT. H. TAYLOR, Commissioners.

Major Heintzelman, U. S. A.

Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, Fort Brown, Texas, February 2, 1860.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your note of this morning, asking my "opinion as to what force of Texas rangers will, for the present, be necessary to be kept in service for the protection of this frontier," I have the honor to state:

In my opinion the two companies of rangers now in the service of the State are sufficient. I have but one company of cavalry at my disposal, and this force I consider entirely inadequate for the security of the frontier, as I am not authorized to cross the river into Mexico, where those marauders recruit and organize, and to where they flew for safety when pursued.

The ease with which incursions can be made from the other side will make it exceedingly difficult to give complete protection, unless the troops are authorized to occupy the opposite side of the river.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant, S. P. HEINTZELMAN,

Major 1st Infantry, Com'g Brownsville Expedition.

Messrs. Angel Navarro and Robt. H. Taylor, Commissioners of the State of Texas, Brownsville, Texas.

[Special order.]

Office of State Commissioners, Brownsville, February 2, 1860.

Sir: From and after this date your movements and the troops under your command will be directed by Major Heintzelman, or other com-

manding officer of the United States army on this frontier. You will therefore obey all orders emanating from such officer.

A. NAVARRO, ROBT. H. TAYLOR, State Commissioners.

Captain J. S. Ford, Commanding Texas Rangers on the Rio Grande frontier.

LA Bolsa, February 4, 1860.

SIR: At this point, to-day, on the Rio Grande the forces of Cortinas fired on us from the Mexican side, and mortally wounded one of my men. Almost at the same time the steamer Ranchero, then about half a mile above, was fired upon from the same side, one of the balls passing through the American flag at her masthead. Upon their fire being returned, the enemy retired into the chaparral on the Mexican side. There is a numerous force lying in wait along the river on the Mexican side to capture the boat, or at least attempt it. I do not think that it is practicable to protect the steamer with forces on one side of the river only. I shall pass over this evening afoot, and beat the bush in the neighborhood. To-morrow morning I will pass over my horses, and, with the whole force under my command, go down upon the Mexican side, keeping as near as possible even pace with the boat. I would suggest that you detach a force to come up on the Texas side to escort her down. I think that by this co-operation only can the life and property on her be secured.

JOHN S. FORD, Captain, Commanding Squadron Texas Rangers.

Major S. P. Heintzelman,
1st Infantry, Commanding Brownsville Expedition,
Brownsville, Texas.

[Note on back in pencil.]

OLD CAMP, February 4, 8 p. m.

Major: I have taken the liberty of opening the two letters directed to you, with the view of obtaining the requisite information. I leave here immediately for the Bastone, or wherever the boat may be. I shall not cross the river without instructions, except to repel an attack upon the boat. I had a party out to-day to catch a party said to be in the vicinity of Carriso, but saw no one.

Yours, &c.,

G. STONEMAN,

OPPOSITE LA BOLSA, Near Bastone, Texas, February 4, 1860.

Sir: Major Ford, commanding the rangers, (who just arrived here, 4 o'clock p. m.,) has requested me to state what occurred before he came, and also to tell you the reason for his crossing into Mexico,

which he is now doing, his command being nearly crossed over. Just before we arrived here to-day, while we were at dinner, a man came in and stated that the boat was fired into, (one ball passed through the flag;) on landing we found one ranger mortally wounded; we returned the fire, with our gun, from the boat, and with our rifles.

When Major Ford arrived he thought it best, after taking counsel from all on board, to cross the river, the better to protect the freight and

the money.

While I am writing the firing is going on.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

LOOMIS L. LANGDON, 2d Lieut. 1st Artillery, A. A. Q. M.

Envelope directed Major Heintzelman, U. S. army, Fort Brown, Texas.

> Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, Fort Brown, Texas, February 4, 1860.

SIR: Your note with the enclosed letters, is received. Your course

in protecting the boat is approved.

I enclose a letter for Captain Lee, for two of his companies of infantry, to bring down the 24-pound howitzers from Ringgold. Will you please have the letters forwarded by an express, if you think it safe; if not, by a small party as far as necessary.

I am, captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant, S. P. HEINTZELMAN,

Major First Infantry, Commanding Brownsville Expedition.

Captain G. STONEMAN,

Second cavalry, near the Bastone, Texas.

Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, Fort Brown, Texas, February 4, 1860.

CAPTAIN: Your letter of this date, informing me of the attack on the boat and the firing upon your men, is received. Captain Stoneman's cavalry has ere this reached the boat, and will co-operate with

you in protecting it on its way down.

It is of the utmost importance that you preserve the most rigid discipline amongst your troops, and that no injury that can be avoided is done to the inhabitants or their property. Do not allow yourself to be drawn from the river, but confine your operations strictly to the protection of the boat.

I will communicate with General Garcia, the Mexican commandant, and should he, in accordance with his instructions, furnish a force to co-operate in dispersing these bands of mauraders, I will inform you.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

S. P. HEINTZELMAN,

Major 1st Infantry, Commanding Brownsville Expedition.
Captain J. S. Ford,

Commanding Texas Rangers, Near Bastone, Texas.

Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, Fort Brown, Texas, February 5, 1860.

GENERAL: I last night received information that the marauders under Cortinas fired upon the steamboat Ranchero, near the Bastone, on her way down the river, whilst engaged in lawful trade; also, upon the troops on the American side of the river, on their march towards Rio Grande City, wounding one man.

For the protection of the lives and property on board the boat, Captain Ford crossed the river immediately, and drove the enemy into the chaparral, and will continue to protect the boat until her arrival at

this place.

At the interview Mr. Navarro, the American consul, and myself had with you a few days since, you were so kind as to show us the order you have from the supreme government to co-operate with the troops under my command in breaking up these bands of marauders. Will you do me the favor to let me know when your troops will march?

I have the honor to be, general, your obedient servant,

S. P. HEINTZELMAN,

Major First Infantry, Comd'g Brownsville Expedition.

General GUADALOUPE GARCIA,

Commandant of the line of the Bravo, Matamoras, Mexico.

## General Garcia encargado de la Linea del Bravo :

Es en mi porden su communicacion de fecha—de noy informandonce que el Capitan Ford, con una purza de los E. E. U. U. panado serca del *Baston* par a de este lado del Rio conel objeto dedar proteccion al vapor Ranchero que bajands paraera Cuidad de los gruntos de amiba has sido hortitizado por la Gabella de Don Juan N. Cortinas.

Derde amche le temdo noticia de ente suseso é emmedialemente hiso salir de la plosa un oficial con ordenes de tomar bajo su maudo to da la puerza de policia neval que ya su ertaba nunienda con motivo de este hecho à fur de que con élla interveniese en ese ir otso acto necessario para, la tranquilidad de la linia. Por consiquiente, ahora mismo voy a reproducerle instrucciones mas amplias a la vet quele aumentari la fuerza necessario en concordancia ele lo que ofsecia en la conferencia á que V. ahede en su communicacion citodo y que no habia verificado por qué no tenia noticia de la permanencia del bandito Cortinas en nuestro territorio ni habra preparado la feurza necesserio para persequito con buen exito, esperando fundadamente que V. en virtud de estas providencios dispondia que en es acto ressare et no el Señor Capitan Ford can la fourza a que me contraizo dejando la proteccion del vapor y sus intreses osí como la persecucion del criminal Cortinas en la derecho del bravo a la fuerza de esta mismapaise y'l he mandado mover arreglo a la order di mi Gobierno que ha el honor demostrar A. V. en la entravirta a que tanbien se sepira en la nota que conterto enel conasto que si fuera necesserio cualquiera otro acuerdo siciproco par a este mismoassunto to tendremos in prueba de la armonia que entry despresto á guardar por la recommendacion que trae conségo la order suprema à que me acabo de contraer.

Can la comision de los senores Acalda 2º de este Cuidad, D. Miguel

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G. Cavosos y Consul Mejicano D. Manuel Treviño que son portadoses de este nota espero la contestacion que V. tengo á bien dasme advertiendo que los ruismos señores podran honerle las demas esplicasiones que V. necisito.

Protesto a V. au tal motivo me distingue africia y estimacion.

Dios y Libertad H. Matamoras.

G. GARCIA,

Lt. Coman'te Militar del Fuerte Brown.

Don S. P. HEINTZELMAN, Brownsville.

Februro 5 de 1860.

HEADQURATERS BROWNSVILLE EXPEDITION, 2 p. m., Fort Brown, Texas, February 5, 1860.

SIR: I this moment received a reply to my note to General Garcia, the Mexican commandant, in which he informs me that he last night, immediately on the receipt of the news, sent some men under an officer to go up the river to do all in his power to restore tranquillity. A large force will leave this afternoon or evening, so soon as they can be organized.

You will therefore immediately proceed to this side of the river and content yourself with protecting the boat from the American bank of the river. The men sent up the river by the Mexican general are of the rural police, and care will have to be taken not to confound them

with Cortinas's men.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. P. HEINTZELMAN,
Major First Infantry, comd'g Brownsville Expedition.

Captain John S. Ford,

Cemmanding Texas Rangers, near Bastone, Texas.

Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, 2 p. m., Fort Brown, Texas, February 5, 1860.

CAPTAIN: I have this moment received a reply to my note sent to the Mexican general. He has sent forty men, and will send more, to arrest Cortinas. I have directed the troops to recross to our side, and to protect the boat from the American bank of the river.

The men sent are the rural police, and care must be taken not to

mistake them for Cortinas's men.

I am, captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant, S. P. HEINTZELMAN,

Major First Infantry, Comd'g Brownsville Expedition.
Captain G. Stoneman,

Second Cavalry, near Bastone, Texas.

HEADQUARTERS BROWNSVILLE EXPEDITION, Fort Brown, Texas, February 6, 1860.

GENERAL: I had yesterday the honor of receiving, through Don Miguel G. Carosos, the second alcalde of your city, and Don Manuel Treviño, the Mexican consul, your reply to mine of the same date.

I returned a verbal answer through those gentlemen, and was prevented sending a written one sooner, from the delay necessary to have

your note translated, to answer more fully.

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I am pleased to learn, both from your note and from those gentlemen, of the measures you have taken, and still intend to take, to carry out the instructions of your government to arrest Cortinas and his followers. The notorious facts that he recruited his forces and armed and equipped them on the Mexican side of the river, from the means furnished by your people, for the purpose of crossing to this side to rob and murder, have naturally and justly exasperated our people.

To preserve and continue the friendly relations which so happily exist between the two governments renders it necessary that the most prompt and energetic measures be used to apprehend this man, and to put a stop to these outrages. I am pleased to learn from two of my officers, who visited your city yesterday afternoon, that an additional force marched in the evening to aid those already sent.

To show to you my desire to preserve the friendly feeling, and to remove all cause of irritation, without waiting for your action, I sent an order for the immediate withdrawal of the troops to this side of the river.

Hoping that you may be successful in ridding the community of this outlaw and his supporters, and that the friendly relations that now exist between the two governments may long continue, I have the honor to be, general, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. P. HEINTZELMAN, Major 1st Infantry, Commanding United States Troops, Lower Rio Grande.

General GUADALOUPE GARCIA, Mexican Army, Commandant of the line of the Bravo, Matamoras, Mexico.

## Comandancia Militar de la Linea Del Bravo.

El official que salio de erla Plasa violentanunte la noche del 4 del actual paradar regularidad al movimento que hacia la Policia rural del Poniente de erte jurisdiccion a cansadelsuceso ocurrido en el rancho de la Bolsa aquel mismo dia; ha regrisado esta tarde, y eldar cuenta a esta Commandanciade su comision le ha informado do algunos hechos queno estaban en su conocimento ni del Sor Gral, Don Guadalope Garcia, cuando este Gife superior cambio con V. las comunicaciones defecha 5 rilativas al nusuro lucuo.

Uno de esos hechor que será del que tratari ur esta nota, es el del



fuego que se puso a la may or parte de los jacales de dicho rancho que en numero de dioz fueson por equel elemento devorador reducidos a ceniras contodo el ayuar de sus moradores que encerraban cundiendo le nal hasta las cercasres pections de algunos solases y una parte de labor ó potrero del pricetade rancho.

El Capitan John S. Ford, es sabador del hecho de que me ocupo y con franquiza y beracedad le infornó al official comisionado a que me he contraido al principio, que anuque no habia sido egecutado por su fuirza ni menos antorizado per el, sin emborgo era evidente que los que venian en el vapor, "Ranchero" que no pudo ni supo sunalar.

Por lo mismo Sor. Comandance, es derecho de los habitantes duenos de aquellas propriedades, y de esta Comandancia que debe representarselos en un caro comret presente complicado con sus funciones publicas hacerlo a V. notorio oficialmente como lo practica a fin de que
sirvissidose power en uso los claros medidos de justificacion y esclarcimunte que eslán en su produ, se compruebe el espresado hecho en
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hace esta Comandancia per su hecho propio, y order espesadel Sor Git.
Garcia, que ansente hoy de esta Ciudad recororendo la linea donde
han pasado los hechos que la motiran, no puede verificerto directamente.

Zengo cero este motiro la lunra de protestan a V. me atenta consideracion.

Dios y Libertad Matamoras.

JUEQUERI ARQUILLES,
For Comandante Militar del Fuerte Brown, (Texas,)
E. E. V. V. de America, Brownsville.

FEBRERO 7 de 1860.

Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, Fort Brown, Texas, February 9, 1860.

SIR: I yesterday had the honor of receiving your communication of the day before making reclamations for the burning of the jacoles of the rancho of "La Bolsa," and calling upon me to "thus rectify in part the offence made against the prerogatives of a country by those who had not the right to transgress it even under the pretext of transit." ("Y por ultimo se repare ari en parte la opensa hecho sobre las reguleas de un pais que no seha tinido dericho explicito para translimitar ne cum a tituto transitorio."]

You are right in saying that this burning was not authorized by

You are right in saying that this burning was not authorized by Captain Ford, nor was it done by his forces. Had the act been done by his order, it is justifiable by the law of nations.—(See Vattel B. III, Chap. VII, Sec. 133.)

This rancho "La Bolsa" was notoriously occupied for near a month, ever since soon after his defeat at Rio Grande City, by Cortinas and his bands, and for the avowed object of intercepting the steamer

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Ranchero on her return from up the river with a valuable freight, as well as being a convenient point for the purpose of crossing the stock stolen by him from the ranches on the American side of the river. Only the day before several hundred head of such cattle were taken from a party of his men, close by this place, and below a few more, and seven of his men killed.

After his defeat, as above stated, he fled for safety to the Mexican side of the river, and there found it. He was received with sympathy; he was there allowed to remain and to recruit his forces, arm and equip them, and watch for a favorable opportunity to make another attack. This attack he made by firing across the river, mortally wounding a man of our troops, and by firing upon the steamboat.

During the time that he occupied the "Bolsa," he prepared a picket-fence for defence and cover, used one of the jacals to store his arms and supplies, and the others for shelter. To protect the boat from this attack, the troops crossed, drove him from his defences with

heavy loss, and some persons along fired the jacals.

The fact of the authorities of Mexico having failed to prevent these outrages, justified the crossing of our troops, and they alone must be answerable for the consequences. The troops that crossed behaved with great forbearance, and took every pains not to molest or disturb

the peacable inhabitants or their property.

Whilst at this place "La Bolsa," Cortinas, with a small party, crossed to the American side, and at a place called "Los Rurias," on the 24th January, intercepted the United States mail carrier, took his mail, cut the bags, and rifled them of their contents. He threatened the mail carrier with hanging for serving the Americans, but let him off because the contractor is a Mexican. He, however, took him across to "La Bolsa," and there kept him a prisoner till he escaped on Saturday, February 4, during the confusion of the fight. During his stay there it was a frequent subject of conversation, the intercepting and robbing of the steamboat. There were \$60,000 in specie and bullion on board, besides a valuable cargo. Cortinas was at this time in constant communication with the inhabitants of Matamoras, and of the small towns above.

Cortinas, between the 28th September and — October, retired to Matamoras, and was seen by some of our most prominent citizens. Cabrera, his second in command, was captured by the sheriff and his posse near Cortenas's rancho. Immediately after the capture of Cabrera, Cortinas, who was then at or near Matamoras, sent a peremptory message to the citizens of Brownsville, demanding his immediate release, threatening to burn the town. This was refused. Shortly thereafter Cortinas crossed the river from Mexico with a well-armed force. From that time to the present he has depended on Mexican aid for men and arms, and for supplies The whole frontier he has laid waste as far as Rio Grande City—120 miles—and there is not an American living, or any property belonging to an American, that could be destroyed, in this long line, and but few, very few, Mexicans. Nearly all the Americans that he caught he murdered.

Cortinas is himself a Mexican, and most of the men who have com-

posed his bands are Mexican citizens; and as he has organized and armed them openly and without opposition or interruption from the authorities, we are entitled to make reclamations for our devastated frontier and for our murdered citizens.

There are many other facts that I might adduce, but it is unnecessary to enlarge the discussion of these points as I am here with my forces for the purpose of dispersing these outlaws and defending the frontier from further outrages, as well as to aid the civil authorities in bringing the offenders to justice.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
S. P. HEINTZELMAN,
Major 1st Infantry, Com'g U. S. troops, Lower Rio Grande.

RANCHE GALVESTON, (OR CHAMPIONS,) February 6, 1860.

Major: I have just time to state that your communications to myself and Captain Ford were received last night about 9. This morning the force from Matamoras arrived, variously estimated from 50 to 150, and Ford immediately recrossed to this side, availing himself of the steamer for that purpose. We are now all camped together, and Ford desires me to state that he will furnish you with a full report, embracing all particulars, in a day or two. We shall keep together, probably, and as near the steamer as possible until satisfied that she is out of danger, and then I shall go into camp again at the former well known place.

I this morning sent an express with your communication to Captain Lee; also, a party up the river as far a Santa Rosa, to observe. The

man who was wounded day before yesterday is dead.

You may expect the steamer to-morrow during the day.

Very respectfully, &c.,

GEORGE STONEMAN, Coptain 2d Cavalry.

Major S. P. Heintzelman, Commanding Brownsville Expedition.

P. S.—There appears to be very little disposition to catch Cortinas, who is doubtless near or with the rural guard, and the guard state that their authority extends simply to the guarding the steamer, but not to the apprehending or molesting Cortinas. If the steamer is again interfered with, everybody will probably interfere and escort her as far as Matamoras.

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HEADQUARTERS RIO GRANDE SQUADRON, Camp Ague Negra, February 24, 1860.

LIEUTENANT: I have the honor to report, that from reconnoissances made in the valley of the Rio Grande and upon the arroyo Colorado, there appears to have been none of Cortinas's men on this side of the river for several days. Cortinas is not at the Mesa at present. He received a notice from Matamoras to enable him to be out of the way when the troops from that point should arrive. They are now almost opposite this camp, and will doubtless report their inability to find the redoubtable bandit general. The same farce was enacted by General Garcia, who, notwithstanding he had an interview with Cortinas, avowed ignorance of his whereabouts.

It is not positively known where Cortinas is at this time. He received a despatch from Camargo, and it is believed he is there. Upon the return of the Mexican troops to Matamoras he will turn up

again, probably at the Mesa.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

JNO. S. FORD,

Captain, Commanding Rio Grande squadron Texas Rangers. Lieutenant W. C. THOMAS,

Adjutant, Major Heintzelman's command.

True copies.

S. P. HEINTZELMAN.

# Officers present.

- Major S. P. Heintzelman, 1st infantry, commanding.
- Captain S. K. Dawson, 1st artillery.
- Captain G. Stoneman, 2d cavalry.
   Second Lieutenant D. Ramsay, 1st artillery, temporarily attached to company "E" 2d cavalry.

5. Second Lieutenant W. M. Graham, 1st artillery, commanding

company "M."

- 6. Second Lieutenant C. W. Thomas, R. Q. M., 1st infantry, adju-
- Second Lieutenant T. C. Sullivan, 1st artillery, commanding company "C."

Field return of the troops of the Brownsville expedition, under the command of Major S. P. Heintzelman, 1st infantry.

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CAMP, 9 miles above Rio Grande Gly, December 27, 1859.

## Officers present.

1. Major S. P. Heintzelman, 1st infantry, commanding.

2. Captain George Stoneman, 2d cavalry.

3. First Lieutenant William R. Boggs, ordnance department.

4. Second Lieutenant Douglas Ramsay, 1st artillery, commanding company "L."

5. Second Lieutenant William M. Graham, 1st artillery, command-

ing company "M."

6. Second Lieutenant Charles W. Thomas, R. Q. M., 1st infantry,

adjutant.

7. Second Lieutenant Thomas C. Sullivan, 1st artillery, commanding company "C."

Field return of the troops of the Brownsville expedition, commanded by Major S. P. Heintzelman, 1st infantry.

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8, P. HEINTZELMAN, Major 1st Infantry, Commanding

LA EBORAL, 13 miles from Fort Brown, December 14, 1859.

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List of persons killed by Cortinas on the Rio Grande.

When.	Where.	Names.	Americans. Mexicans.	Mexicans.
1859. Sept. 18	Brownsville, Texas	1859.  Sept. 28 Brownsville, Texas William Neale, George Morris, William Johnson, Vivian Garcia, and a Mexican		·
Oct. 30 Nov. 5	Near Brownsville.	Jesus Morites, — Maroquin, and another Mexican, name unknown.	9	4 60
Dec. 22 6	Pale Alto prairie		*	
1860.	Ringgold barracks	William B. Robertson, J. G. Box, Captain Spears, and a Mexican, name unknown.	100	-
Feb. 4	Bolea Brownsville	Fountain B. Woodruff—in a fight with Cortinas Alfred T. McFadden and David A. Denton	- 83	
		Total	16	

8. P. HEINTZELMAN, Major Lat Infantry, Communiting.

FORT BROWN, Texas, March 1, 1860.

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Supposed loss of Cortinas since September 28, 1859.

When.	Where.	No.
September 28, 1859	Santa Rita Brownsville Palo Alto prairie Ebonal Brownsville Rio Grande city Rio Grande city Between Rio Grande city and Brownsville Zurnora's rancho	11 8 1 9 1 5 2

8. P. HEINTZELMAN,
Major 1st Infantry, Community.

Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, Fort Brown, Texas, March 1, 1860.

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List of claims for damages sustained by the depredations of Cortinas 

the Rio Grande.

No.	Names of claimants.	Amount.
1	Barreda, Dimas	\$948 (
2	Basse, E	17,670
3	Bean, C. T. A	1,530
4	Bessand, L.	125 0
5	Bigelow, Israel B	3,755
6	Blandfor, John R	130 0
7	Brown, James G	3, 340 0
8	Bustamente, M., & Co	5,000 0
9	Campbell, F. M	2, 300 0
10	Catsell, Gabriel.	1,790
11	Cavasos, Rafael	1, 125 (
12	Champion, Albert	16,915
13	Champion, Nicholas.	10,785
14	Champion, Peter	16, 679 6
15	Chano, Nicholas	7,885
16	Collins, Peter	675
17	Cox, Noah	6,000 (
18	Cross, John S	1,425 (
19	Crug, Alcario	75 0
20	Davis, H. Clay	7,717
21	Decket, John	7,900
22	Doddridge & Jacobs	15,000
23	Dodier, Antonio	670
24	Domingos, Manuel	645 0
25	Finn, John A.	2, 468 0
26	Foster, G. W.	400 0
27	Franco, Mateo	1,876 6
28	Garcia, Pedro	230 0

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No.	Names of claimants.	Amount.	
29	Gholson, John	\$940	00
30	Glavecke, Adolphus	3,712	00
31	Gonzalos, Miguel	2,160	00
32	Graham, John	2,850	
33	Hedricks, Jane 8	6,000	00
34	Johnson, William	6,725	00
35	Karpeles, E.	50	00
36	Kathrens, Samuel	3,350	00
37	Kearns, James	125	
38	Kelsey, John P	31,757	78
39	Kenedy, M., & Co	12,725	00
40	Kennon, Richard	204	
41	Kidder, Sanforth	10, 205	
42	Kleiber, Joseph	3,800	
43	Langdon, Loomis L	1,707	
44	Levy, John	500	00
45	Mallet, James	2,802	
46	Maxwell & Hough	3,345	00
47	McMillan, A	400	
48	Miller, Jacob	1,190	00
49	Millstead & Martin	2,830	00
50	Molinas, Guillermo	111	
51	Neale, William	16,425	
52	Neale & Maxen	17,308	
53	Perrin, B. P.	1,000	
54	Ramirez, Vicente	180	
55	Reast, Francis	5, 137	
56	Bodriguez, Dimearis	480	
57	Rhodes, Thaddeus M		
58	Shears, Robert	884	
59	Stevens, M. M		
60	Thomas, William D	13,785	
61	Vubri, D		00
62	Verbrunn, Julius	560	
63	Ward, I. M	8,775	
64	Waugh, W. A	1,870	
65	West & Gholson		
66	Weyman, Jane		
67	Wheeler & Sanders		
68	White, Nathaniel		
69	Young, Salome	8, 220	00
70	Yznago, Antonio		
71	Kenedy, M		
	O'Conner, Hugh		
	Parker & Hale		
	Stillman, Charles		
	Bronchard, Peter	53	00
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		336,879	21

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