Act to Authorize a Mill & Dam on Brazos River
Hill County, Citizens of
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To the Honerable Senate & House of Represenatives of the State of Texas now in session

The undersigned your Petitioners would respectfully represent to your Honerable Body that S. C. & J. H. Dyer has commenced building a Flowering Mill on M. B. Shackelford’s [Shackelford’s] headright on the Brazos River six of seven miles below Fort Graham in Hill Co. & that they ask your Honerable body to pass an Act authorizing the Said Proprietiers to raise a Mill dam across the Brazos River at the place before mentioned of sufficient hight to propell any Machinery that the said proprieters may wish to run.

Your Petitioners would further show to your Honerable Body that Said Mill would be of great utility to the Countyr & that it is the General wish of the people in this Country that said Mill be built & that by raising a dam across said River at said place of sufficient hight to propell any Machinery will not throw the water out of the channel of Said River nor create Sickness thereby.

Your Petitioners further show to your honerable body that Said River is not navigable as hight up as the place where S. C. & J. H. Dyer is building a Flowering Mill nor never can be.

You petitioners further pray your honerable body to Grant to them the rights & privaledges of said River at said place to its hight water mark necessary to secure to them their improvement and they will every prey the,

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The State of Texas, County of Hill

We, S. I. Lucy & W. H. & N. K. King, do Certify that we own the Lands on both sides of the Brazos River where S. C. & J. H. Dyer has commenced building a Flowering Mill in Hill County.

And we pray the Honerable Legislators of the State of Texas to Grant to them the rights & priveledges necessary of Said River at Said place to its high water mark so as to secure to them their improvement.

We do further Certify that the Brazos River is not Navigable this high nor never can be.

Newton J. King
W. K. King
S. I. Lucy
Committee Room Dec’r. 13th 1855
Hon. D. C. Dickam, President of the Senate

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Citizens of Hill County asking that Legislative permission be granted to S. C. & J. H. Dyer to construct and build a flouring mill upon the Brazos river in Said County and to be permitted to erect a dam across Said river for the purpose of facilitating the operating Said Machinery; Your Committee have considered the matter presented, and have come to the conclusion that if the construction of Said machinery and dam is not a public nuisance, or would not become so by producing stagnant water, and thereby causing disease among the people of the neighbourhood, nor disturb navigation on Said river by the erection of said dam that there is no need of Legislation interposition and therefore report Said Memorial back to the Senate and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject, believing it to be inexpediaent to grant the prayer of the Memorialist.

W. T. Scott, Chairman