

Fort Worth Texas

April 4th 1854

My Fr. Sir.

Enclosed herewith you will receive  
 my pay accounts for the month of August  
 amounting to one hundred and five dollars  
 or seventy cents, which you will do me the  
 favor to present without delay to Genl Johnston  
 for payment. It is not my intention  
 to appear at Austin to attend the Genl Court  
 martial which will assemble there on the  
 7th inst for any trial for the simple rea-  
 son that I am in the hands of the civil  
 authorities by whom I must first be  
 tried. You are acquainted with my views  
 upon this subject and can appreciate  
 my situation. I do not intend that  
 the Government shall be in arrears  
 with me, and design drawing my  
 pay monthly as it falls due, as I am  
 fearful that an order might be publish-  
 ed prohibiting the payment of my accoun-  
 ts. If you are coming up this way  
 shortly bring the accounts with you,  
 and obtain for me from Genl Johnston  
 several blank pay accounts. If you  
 cannot come however please remit the  
 money to Richard Coke's village,  
 also the blank accounts - Your business  
 demands your presence here at the  
 earliest moment, as some steps should  
 be taken to lay out the town of Ft

We have no news of interest here. If you  
cannot come up you must write to me  
and give me such instructions relative  
to your business here as you wish to be  
carried out and I will attend to them  
As I am deeply interested in this place  
and vicinity I desire to purchase an  
interest from you in the proposed town  
upon what terms therefore will you dispose  
of a half interest in the town, making  
it the center of our patented acres? If  
you think it would be to your interest  
to sell me <sup>an</sup> undivided half I should  
like to come to some arrangement  
as soon as practicable as I am at  
present quite unwell and require  
some kind of business to engage my  
attention.

Your Friend

J. M. McKim

A. J. Robertson  
City of Austin  
Texas