

San Antonio, Texas

25 Aug 1857

Sir

Understanding that Capt John M. Jones of the 7th Regt: of Inf'y is an applicant for an appointment of Paymaster in the Army. I take pleasure in stating that while on service at the U.S. Mil: Academy as 1st Asst Instructor of Inf'y tactics, he enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best officers at the Academy, & that during the time of his service that I was superintendent of the Academy, no officer performed his duty more effectively, zealously, or faithfully than himself. He was as well acquainted with other duties appertaining to his profession, as he was skilled in his military exercises, & he performed his duty in every respect to my entire satisfaction.

I have served with him but once since I came to Texas, he having been Judge advocate of a Genl Ct Martial last spring, of which I was the President, when his conduct equally entitled him to my admiration & esteem.

Very respt your obt. Servt.

R. E. LEE

Bt Col

Col S. Cooper

Lt Col ³ Cav'y

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