

Voluntary Statement of
N J Callahan, ~~and his~~ treat for
commitment being charged with
assisting the prisoner ^{to escape custody} Philip
McBlair in the custody of the
Sheriff of Austin County
charged with forgery.

He said he had no hand in the
matter nor did I know any thing
of the matter until last night
when I walked out under the cherry
trees in front of Whitehead's where
William Hunter said to me what
were you & McBlair talking about
I told him nothing at all & ^{but he} ~~he~~ ^{me}
then asked me how I was & I returned
- to the question. He McBlair then asked
me if Cal Butler was in town, I
told him I did not know as I
did not know the gentleman. fur-
- ther he says not. But being asked
if the window was open I said ~~he~~
~~the~~ might have been then was a
crack. On reflection he Callahan
says that the way he comes to be down
at the prison was that he had come
down to see George to get his fiddle
for Mr Henry to play upon & that
he was after the conversation about
in weighting on George who had
promised to return it but he did
not return and he went off with
the fiddle.

& while in waiting he sat in a
chair by Georges door
and being further asked if he
spoke to the Prisoner first or
vice versa said that the Prisoner
spoke to him first. for he did
not know that he was in the room
until McClear spoke to him.
R. J. Hallahan

Republic of Texas State & Subscribed
to before me this 1st June 1839
Geo. Huff J. B.

In the Case of the
Republic of Texas

R. J. Hallahan

Charged on oath by Will-
iam Hunter for assisting Philip
McClear in breaking custody of
& escaping from the custody of the
Sheriff of said county.

William Hunter being duly sworn
says that he came down last night to
bring the Prisoners supper. I saw
some person standing at or near the
window of the Prison where McClear
was confined & as we came near the
Prison the person left the window &
walked round towards Rodays. After
I got to the Prison I found a boy round
Rodays to light a candle.

he returned with the candle lit. I
opened the prison door & went in the
prison and saw that the prisoner Mc
Clellan had his supper already. I then
walked out of the prison & took a
seat at the other front door of the house
while we (that is myself & Mr Bragg)
were sitting at the door. Mr Callahan
as I took it to be him, walked up to
the China trees near Whitehead's
when he got up a piece he halted
& called George & asked George
if he was busily engaged? George
said to him he was, but he would
soon be at leisure. Mr Callahan
then told him he wanted to see
him when he was at leisure.

I did not see anything more of
Mr Callahan until I saw him
under the China trees as before.
When & where Mr Callahan came
up the work bench where several
persons were sitting & spoke to us.
He stood there a few minutes or
a little while. I then asked Mr
Callahan what he & me were talk-
ing about? & what he was doing
at the window? he told me
~~that he was going to check the~~
he was not taking about anything
particularly. I said he had went down
there to see George & the prisoner
McClellan & spoke to him & asked him
how he was he told him he was well
& he asked McClellan how he was?

McClear said he saw bad enough
Mr Callahan then asked me if there
was any suspicion of him (I re-
- lieve I am too fast) I do not rec-
- allct the words. ^{But} Instead of asking
me if there was any suspicion he asked
me if there was any harm in his being
about the window. I told ~~him~~ ^{Mr} Call-
- leham then might be harm in
It as the prisoner was then gone
Mr Callahan after this asked me if
there was any suspicion of his
turning him loose. I told him
that I did not know but there was
But there might be room for
suspicion from ~~your~~ ^{him} being there
at the window.

On interrogation the witness said it
was dusk. and that he believes it
was about an hour after he saw
Callahan at the prison window
before he went in had the conver-
- sation with him under the China
trees that it was about an half hour after
he saw Callahan at the window until
the witness learned the prisoner had
escaped that the prisoner escaped had
two ironed locks on each leg which
were both cut or filed into
W. H. Hunter