

Empresario Extension Activity

Colonization Application #1

Name:	Benjamin Tinkledinkleston
Occupation:	Cotton farmer
Religion:	Protestant
Language:	English – Some Spanish
People:	Wife – Abigail Sons – Jonathan, Nathan, and Jebidiah Daughters: Alice, Gertie (I'd like to bring the rest of my family eventually)

Personal Statement

I don't have much money at the moment, but I sure do know if I have this opportunity I can make enough to pay the fees for the land after my first two years. Until then, I'm willing to pay my fees by using some of my allotted land, as I surely won't need all that space. I know with my boys we can help make this great land of Texas into the best place to live! By next year I'd like to bring out my brothers and their families too! Viva Mexico!

Letter of Reference

To Sir Stephen F. Austin,

My name is Pastor Daniel Keats. Mr. Tinkledinkleston and his family have been members of my church for the last 5 years. They come regularly unless it's harvest season then they have to work in the fields more. Mr. Tinkledinkleston doesn't gamble or drink as much anymore, it was a real problem there for a while, but it seems like he's turned that around. I bet he'd do a real good job in your colony, Mr. Austin.

- Pastor Keats
Oct. 1829

Colonization Application #2

Name:	Markus Patootie-Wattle
Occupation:	Wheat and Grain Farmer
Religion:	Quaker
Language:	English, Some Dutch
People:	A wife – Hootie 8 children (5 boys, 3 girls) 3 Brothers and their wives and children – in all 25 people: 13 men and 12 women and girls

Personal Statement

My family and I are looking for opportunities in agriculture, but we have been struggling in the U.S. since 1819. We have some debts, though we are sure after a few years of hard work we can have all that paid off. We aren't familiar with cotton planting, but we figure people have to eat and we grow the best grains around. We don't cause trouble, we're hard workers, and we know we can help make Texas a better place!

Letter of Reference

Dear Mr. Austin,

My name is Harry Barrymore, I know I ain't no one fancy, I'm just the Patootie-Wattle's neighbor. They move around a lot so they don't know no one big in the government but I can swear to their character. Anything they borrow they return and they're always willing to lend me a helping hand when it comes time to plow my field because I ain't got much help around my farm. I know they'll do Mexico proud if you accept them.

- Harry Barrymore
Dec. 1829

Colonization Application #3

Name:	Bubba McGoodle
Occupation:	Plantation Manager
Religion:	Whatever gets me into Texas
Language:	English
People:	Business Partners: Itchy Stevens and Scratchy Jones, Brother-in-Law and his family and kids, 13 slaves contract workers 24 - people total

Personal Statement

If you're looking for the answer to your prayers look no further! I'm the best darn plantation owner on either side of the Mississippi River! My plantation puts out TWICE as much cotton or WHATEVER crop you're lookin' to make money off of as anyone else! Also, my business partners and I got enough money to pay the fees on day one! We don't know Spanish, but we're fast learners, and we're willing to do whatever it takes!

Letter of Reference

Dear Mr. Austin,

I'm writing to recommend Bubba McGoodle for colonization in your colony in Texas. In the time Mr. McGoodle has lived in our community in Alabama, his cotton production has increased 3-fold. His plantation is incredibly successful. He and his family have been helpful to their neighbors and active in the local church. Our community sure will miss him and the profits he brought our town but I'm sure he'll do a good job in your colony if you give him a chance.

*- Mayor Jim Slimsky
Jan. 15, 1830*

P.S. Don't comment on his hair. Just go with it.

Colonization Application #4

Name:	Old Man Stinkin' Jenkins III
Occupation:	Cattle rancher and Cotton Farmer
Religion:	Protestant
Language:	English
People:	5 Sons – Abraham, Gaberaham, Sabraham, Jaybraham, and Mike. All of their wives and Kids. Total 32 people

Personal Statement

My family has been ranching and cotton farming for 10 years in Mississippi. At the moment we don't have any . . . uh contract workers . . . but we are hoping to rent some from neighbors in Texas until we can afford to buy ... er ... hire our own. We have been learning Spanish too! Look: Me llamo Señor Stinkin' Jenkins. See. Two of my sons know carpentry so we can help build up the towns in your colony, for a price, of course. We are Americans for life looking to bring American culture into Texas! U.S.A all day, baby!!

Letter of Reference

Dear Mr. Austin,

I'm writing on behalf of the Stinkin' Jenkins family. In general, the family are hard workers and decent folks. Jaybraham had some run-ins with the law a few years back, Gaberaham still owes money to some local merchants, and Mike is just generally confused about his name, but I gotta say even with all that they're good workers. Some of the finest carpentry I've ever seen too. Their buildings almost never fall down. They're honest folks, but don't go gambling on cards with Sabraham. Word is, he keeps extra Aces hidden in that mustache.

Monty Montgomery, 1829

Colonization Application #5

Name:	Dan de Tan Running Man
Occupation:	Merchant, trader
Religion:	None
Language:	English, Spanish, a little French
People:	Business partners: Timmy and Tommy Timmons and their wives Beulah and Olga. They got some kids too I think. About 12 people total

Personal Statement

I'm real familiar with Texas from my time running horses and other items during the War for Mexican Independence. Some people frowned on us filibusters, but we were just doing business like anyone else. And boy, we did good business! I can use all my business connections from that time to really help grow the economy and make myself and my company filthy rich! And the community, of course. Sure. I'd really like to see some bars and gambling houses come up too, there's good money in those businesses!

Letter of Reference

Listen up Mr. Austin, ain't no one better to refer me than me, plus no one else would write anything for me and my associates, but you know how it is, people get jealous of the success of great men such as you and myself and my partners Timmy and Tommy. It's always, "They think they're so great" and "Why'd they steal my plow" and never "Here's some successful men doing good in the world." Shaking my head. So! When should we expect to move on over to your colony?

- Mr. de Tan Running Man
Sept. 1829

Colonization Application #6

Name:	Dweezil Wemby
Occupation:	Farmer
Religion:	Baptist
Language:	English
People:	Wife: Josephine 5 Kids (4 boys, 1 girl) My 2 brothers Yohan and Marmaduke and their wives and families. Altogether about 35 people

Personal Statement

I'm Dweezil, and my family and I are looking to make a new start in Tejas. I've grown everything from corn to cotton and I'm durn good at my job. My brother Yohan is a blacksmith, and Marmaduke makes hats for cats. Between all of us we got enough money to be off to a good start in Texas. We are proud Baptists, and no one is gonna change that, but don't let that stop you from accepting us because we'll do you proud Mr. Austin.

Letter of Reference

Dr. Mr. Austin,

I'm writing this on behalf of the Wemby family. They have been integral parts of our community here in Louisiana for the last 8 years. They do good, honest work, even that weird one with his cat hats. And truth be told, my cat's ears have never been warmer (or cuter) so I guess I should mind my words. They have served their community with integrity and pride over the years. And don't worry about that lawsuit against Dweezil. It was settled outside of court and the man who filed the lawsuit hasn't been seen since, so he must have left town or something.

I recommend the Wembys without reservation, but I will say we will miss them mighty fierce when they leave.

*Mayor Hickory "Dock" Dickory
July 1829*