

During the months of June and July, President Lamar sent the Texas army forces to hunt down, and pursue Chief Bowles and all of his American Indian allies, warriors for defeat. On July 16, 1839, in present-day Van Zandt, County - Chief Bowles was killed in the Battle of the Neches, blatantly and dishonorably by Captain James Smith, who commanded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of Thomas J. Rusk's regiments at the Battle of the Neches. Ironically; Smith and Rusk's names were perpetuated by future counties and towns, buildings named after them in Eastern Texas.

