To the honorable the
Board of Equity

The petition of Thomas J. Ward
curator of the Estate J. L. Thompson deceased most
respectfully represents to your honorable board that
the aforesaid deceased held the rank of Captain
of Squadron in the Navy of this Republic and the
Government is indebted to the heirs of the said
Thompson in the sum of Two thousand three hun=
=dred and thirty five Dollars and fifty eight cents
for services rendered this Republic as Captain
of Squadron. your petitioner would further
represent that the deceased ~~has~~ made all the
efforts in his power to collect the above named
sum of money of this Gov.t previous to his decease
but from circumstances unknown to your petitioner he
was not able to collect the same or any part
thereof. wherefore your petitioner prays that your
honorable board will examine the claim of the
heirs of the said deceased so that justice
may be done to them and as in duty bound
your petitioner will ever pray

Thos. J. Ward

Jacksonville April 25th 1839