San Augustine
March 15. 1845.

Hon. Jas. B. Shaw
Acting Secy. of the Treasury &c.

Dear Sir

I wish to obtain a draft upon the Custom Collector at this place for so much of my salary as District Judge for the 5th Judicial District as may be due at the end of the first quarter (~~today~~ commission bears date on the 2d day of January 1845.) Will this note be sufficient authority ~~to you~~ to obtain for me, and, at the proper time, by mail, the draft in question. If so, may I ask of you that favor. If not, will you inform me what authority the rules of the Department require.

I should not have troubled you with this matter, but that I learned from Judge Archilles, (who was here some days since) that he would not probably be at Washington in some time. & that my acquaintance E. Allen would also be absent.

I am Very Respectfully
R. J. Wheeler

P.S. I am reminded that ~~Judge~~ the Hon. John S. Fort is now at Washington & is familiar with my hand writing. —
R. J. W.

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I know R J Wheeler Judge 5th Judicial District I have been him write. and have no doubt of the genuineness of the above signature. 7th April 1845. W. G. Archilles

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