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The Honorable
The Commissioner of Texas
Gadsby's Hotel

Washington Monday May 16. 1836

Gentlemen

Upon leaving Natchez, which I did upon ~~receiving~~ the receipt of information of Col. Fannin's fall there, and in great haste (the boat being delayed there upon a halfhour) Genl. Felix Huston furnished me with $200 from the Texian funds for which I receipted as in part payment for bringing on a despatch to Washn. City. It was detrimental to me as I took time from the practice of my profession when during court, it was most valuable.

He and Genl. Green directed me to draw upon the Commissioner for further money upon my arrival here — I have been anxiously awaiting you, on this as well as many other accounts, and as I am exceedingly ~~anxious~~ desirous to return to Mississippi — I would be happy ~~to~~ if you will furnish me with $200 more, and if any despatch or parquet is to be conveyed there, I shall be glad to receive it. Be so good as to leave your reply to this at the bar of Mr. Gadsby's Hotel.

Very respectfully Yr. Servt
John Martin Duffield