Exhibit (A) Austin 15 May 1841

John Hoffman Esqr

Sir

I received your letter of 28 ultto. a few days ago - by the last mail - I recollect very distinctly offering to render you any aid in my power to procure the money due the estate of Mr Caile on account of the Steamer Cayuga - That money ought to have been paid long ago but goverments are sometimes like unfortunate individuals, unable to pay their just debts.

After you left here I heard no more on the subject and did not know what arrangements you had made or in what way I could serve you in the matter - Therefore I did nothing - Mr Monlaur has left the country & probably will not