Washington C. O.
Gay Hill P. O.
Feb 10th 1854

Friend Milton

Dr Sir it appears in the absence of Crawford I am under the necessity of troubling same person and as you are somewhat acquainted with the nature of my business believing too that you would do me the favor hence I call upon you Mr Crawford wrote me that my Claim had been passed against before the committee in the senate that the affidavits of yours and the Capt. was not full enough that my only chance was to get Capt Hill's Certificate with my affidavit that I had lost my discharge was my only chance and would supercede the necessity of further legislation enclosed you will please find Hill certificate with my own proven before a notary you will please attend to this matter for me do the best you can and forward to this office I presume you will audit for the amt of pay due

Respectfully your obt servt
Jesse B. Atkinson

Mr. J. M. Swisher
Austin