Cedar Lake Bragoin County July 24 1857

Mr Byan

Dear sir in answer to your note of the 17 instant relative to the claim of James Austin Killen at Mier on the Rio Grande 28th Dec 43 thus all the discharges have been made out by me and left in the Auditors office and there is nothing further for his relatives to do except apply at the auditor & comptrollers office and recive the evidence of the claim which will be six hundred and five dollars $605 00 per funds to be paid out of the five millions first recivable

I do not know much about the vote for Representative in Congress but think McLean will get it I have heard several say they would not again vote for Howard

I remain truly your friend &c

Chas A. Russ